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Evaluation Results

Project: PEst-C/CED/UI0194/2011

Title: Projecto Estratégico - UI 194 - 2011-2012

FCT's decision (*Artigo 11º* do Regulamento)

Recommended for Funding - Total Funding: €492,684,00

Evaluation Panel Statement and Rating

Criterion A - Scientific merit and innovative nature of the project from an international standpoint, including but not limited to: i) Relevance and originality of the project proposed (based on the state-of-the art in a determined scientific previous work done by the proposing team); ii) Methodology adopted for carrying out the project; iii) Expected results and their contribution to scientific and technological knowledge; iv) Resulting publications and articles; v) Contribution to promoting and disseminating science and technology; vi) Production of knowledge that can be incorporated into and applied to the business sector.

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** Based on previous evaluation.

Criterion B - Scientific merit of the research team, including but not limited to: i) scientific productivity of the team (ranging from references to publications and citations in published works as used by the basic and engineering performance and artistic work in the arts or monographs and books in the humanities and social sciences); ii) Abilities and skills to adequately execute the proposed project (team configuration, Principal Investigator's qualifications) involve young researchers in training; iv) Availability of the team and non duplication of objectives in relation to other projects underway; v) The degree of internationalization of the team; vi) Degree of success in previous projects in Principal Investigator (PI) (in the case of young PIs, this requirement must be assessed based on the potential revealed by the PIs curriculum vitae in the absence of prior concrete accomplishments); vii) Level of commitment of the team participating in the project (if applicable).

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** Based on previous evaluation.

Criterion C - Feasibility of the plan of work and reasonableness of the budget, including but not limited to: i) organization of the project in terms of the proposed objectives and resources (duration, equipment, size of the team, in management resources); ii) institutional resources of the participating entities, in particular of the Principal Contractor (PC) (technical-scientific, organizational and managerial and, when appropriate, co-funding capacity on the part of contractors).

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** The stated goals of the unit's project adequately frame the allocation of the requested funding to the different categories. Given the technological instruments required, the need is recognised for the support of technicians in the organisation of research and networking activities. The funding allotted to missions should reinforce the team's international profile. Overall it is considered a reasonable and balanced budget.

Criterion D - Contribution to the body of knowledge in this field and improvement of competence of the scientific community in general, including but not limited to: i) Contribution to the body of knowledge and competence of the National Institute of Research and Technology System (expected effects and results).

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** Based on previous evaluation.

Overall Rating: Excellent

Overall Comments: The unit has thought through its research and organisational needs for the aims of this project. Its efforts to secure and foster networking activities, particularly of transnational nature, should be supported. Its capacity to attract a high number of postgraduate grantees in the different lines is also a valuable asset. The widening of its postgraduate training offer and the potential to attract international researchers will have significant returns in the mid-term and will help to consolidate the group's status as a unit of research excellence.

Panel Recommended Funding [1]: €492,684,00

[1] According to budget availability, the total funding recommended by FCT might be different from the one recommended by the panel.

Comments: N/A

Panel Recommended Funding for Human Resources: €158,186,00

Comments: N/A