

## Evaluation Results

**Project:** PEst-C/CED/UI0194/2013

**Title:** Projecto Estratégico - UI 194 - 2013-2014

**FCT's decision** (*Artigo 11<sup>o</sup>* do Regulamento)

**Recommended for Funding** - Total Funding: **€317.217,00**

## 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 area and 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 towards promoting and disseminating science and technology; vi) Production of knowledge that can be incorporated into and applied to the business sector.

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** This is a well-organized project which is expected to produce excellent results. From an international standpoint the expected indicators of its group's achievements show the high level of its research performance according to FCT's criteria.

**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 sciences, to 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); iii) Ability to 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 relation to the 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 any companies participating in the project (if applicable).

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** The team is composed by groups with excellent performance record, both in training and research, as well as in the merit of their research projects.

**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, institutional and 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 companies).

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** The requested funding matches the team's expected goals. It is overall a very well-balanced budget which reflects the project's stated priorities and definition.

**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 Science and Technology System (expected effects and results).

- **Rating:** Excellent
- **Comments:** The team's excellent achievement in its field, both by national and international standards matches the reasonableness, clarity and vision of its project. These qualities are expressed both at the level of training and research output. Based on these factors it is expected a continued impact of this project and its continued contribution to the body of knowledge in this field.

**Overall Rating:** Excellent

**Overall Comments:** The research team has presented a well-thought and reasonable project given its research lines and overall needs. The conception, implementation and evaluation of training programs, as well as the strengthening of the team's transnational networks should have important results in the near future, contributing to the team's status as excellent.

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**Panel Recommended Funding** <sup>[1]</sup>: € 317.217,00

<sup>[1]</sup> 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:** € 143.472,00

**Comments:** N/A