

VALENCIA CITY OF INNOVATION

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VALENCIA CITY OF INNOVATION GRANT

€ 100,000 to the innovation project that best impacts the
Valencia Neutral City mission

Call open until September 15th



Achieve at least 3 climate-neutral neighbourhoods
or towns in Valencia by 2030,
by and for citizens

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Context

Cities are tackling intense processes of change, in an attempt to be more resilient and provide a better response to the new challenges and social and urban needs of the people who live and interact in them, in a more efficient and environmentally friendly way, through the development and application of models based on innovation, adaptability, social justice, participation and co-responsibility of citizens and society in general.

In 2019, the Valencia City Council began its journey towards mission-oriented research and innovation through its **Missions València 2030** initiative, joining the forefront of European cities that position their efforts, in terms of research and innovation, towards the achievement of missions that improve people's lives and the environment that surrounds them and in which they interact. In this context, following the European guidelines set by Horizon Europe 2021-2027 and based on a broad social consensus, the Plenary of the Valencia City Council approved on May 28th 2020 by the government and a large majority of the opposition, the Missions València 2030 strategic framework that has allowed the trajectory of innovation to become an intrinsic part of the **València 2030 Urban Strategy** in our efforts to meet the commitments of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The objective is none other than to guide the research and innovation efforts of the entire ecosystem to achieve **a healthier, more sustainable, more shared, and more entrepreneurial city**, and to do so through innovation missions that challenge the talent and knowledge of our society.

EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION AWARDS 2020

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#iCapitalAwards

Finalists:
Cluj-Napoca
Espoo
Helsingborg
Leuven
Valencia
Vienna



Missions València 2030 was recognized in September 2020 by the European Commission as one of the six best innovation initiatives in European cities within its annual European Capital of Innovation 2020 competition (iCapitalAwards 2020) and awarded with €100,000.

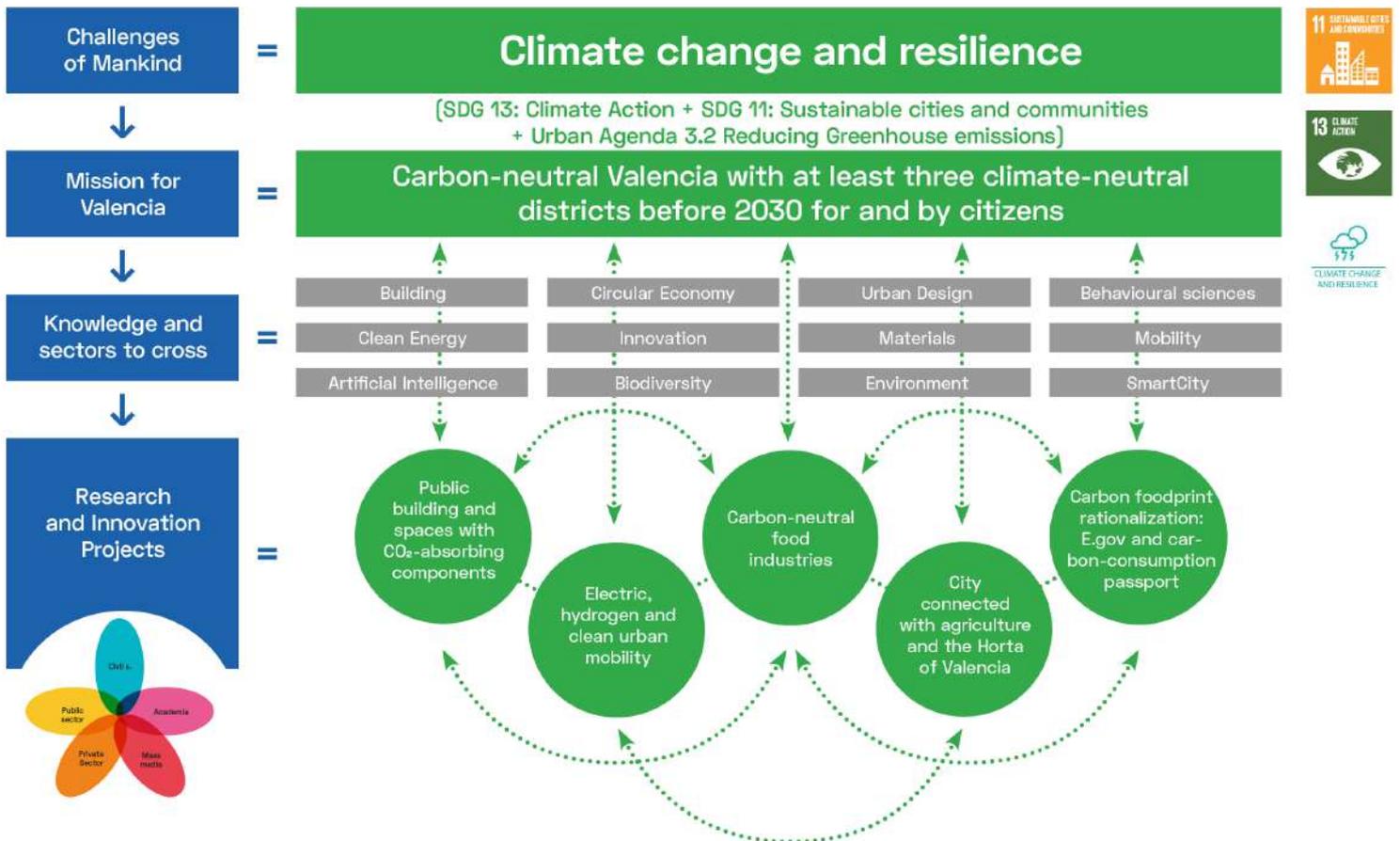
The València City Council now wishes to allocate this recognition expressly to the promotion of innovation aimed at improving people's lives through this Valencia City of Innovation Grant for the best innovation project oriented to the València Neutral City Mission and as thanks to the European Commission for highlighting the innovation that is carried out in Valencia.

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València Neutral City Mission

The Valencia City Council, aligned with the commitments of its governance model for innovation in the city oriented to missions that improve people's lives and within the general framework of the Urban Strategy of València 2030, approved the first innovation mission of València in the plenary session of March 2021. This great milestone received, once again, a broad consensus of the government and the opposition, and was formulated in the following terms:

Achieve at least 3 climate-neutral neighborhoods or towns in Valencia by 2030, by and for the citizens.



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International call for Innovation: Valencia City of Innovation Grant

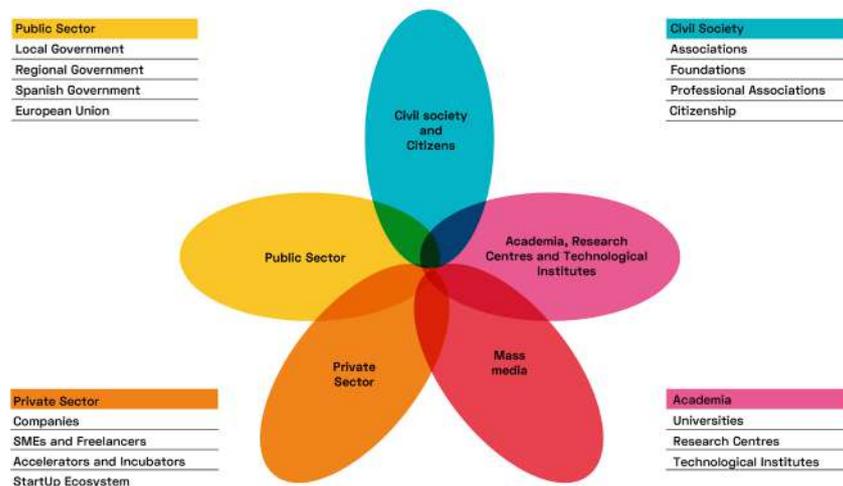
Valencia City of Innovation Grant
to the best R + D + i project

GRANT DESCRIPTION

€ 100,000 will be awarded, from the European Capital of Innovation 2020 award, to the best innovation project presented that demonstrates the greatest and broadest potential impact on the València Neutral City Mission: **Achieve at least 3 climate-neutral neighbourhoods or towns before 2030, by and for citizens.**

INNOVATION IS A COLLECTIVE JOURNEY, MORE THAN AN INDIVIDUAL DESTINATION

Our way of innovating follows the model of the quadruple helix or the innovation model of the four helixes that encourages creativity, participation and collaborative work of the entire innovative ecosystem in the city, from the private sector, public administrations and their instrumental entities, the Universities and their associated research centres and technological institutes, civil society and mass media.



This award is a call to action and collaborative work to the entire Valencian, national and European innovation ecosystem in search of the best innovation project that can demonstrate the systemic transition necessary for the success of the València Neutral City Mission.

INNOVATIONS FROM THE BOTTOM UP AND CROSSING DISCIPLINES

The object is to award the **best innovation project** that crosses and combines disciplines from **any field, sector, activity, knowledge source, technology, or helix of the innovation ecosystem** and that demonstrates a greater and broader **impact on the València Neutral City Mission: Achieve at least 3 climate-neutral neighbourhoods or towns by 2030 by, and for citizens.**

The proposed projects must have a clear innovative character, provide knowledge and substantial improvements compared to other possible solutions, if they exist, and promote changes of model and habits towards others that are more sustainable, healthy, productive, efficient and socially fair.

Those innovation projects presented that have passed, where relevant, their initial prototype phase and have reached at least a TRL6 level or higher within technological maturity standard, (Technological Readiness Level - TRLs), will have preference.

Innovations are sought that are capable of playing a demonstrative role in the city of Valencia and that accelerate the necessary transitions towards climate neutrality.

IMPLEMENTATION TIME

The entity or entities promoting innovation will have an implementation period of **18 months from the awarding of the grant.**

A duly motivated extension of 6 additional months may be requested for its implementation, thus reaching a maximum possible implementation period of 2 years.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Applicant persons or entities must meet the following requirements:

- a) They may request these grants individually or by forming alliances between them:
 - Individuals (registered in the Special Regime for Self-Employed Social Security, Mutual or similar).
 - Legal persons that act as entrepreneurs, professionals or non-profit entities.
 - Universities, technological institutes and research centres.
 - Public companies and entities linked or dependent on Public Administrations.

- b) They will not be able to benefit from the aid regulated in this call:
 - Public administrations, although they may participate as a tutor, collaborator or as an alliance of the natural or legal persons who present themselves.
 - Entities without legal personality (Community of assets, civil partnerships or any other type of economic unit or separate assets).

- c) Each person, entity or alliance that attends this call may present as many different innovation projects as it deems appropriate.

- d) The requirements must be met by the final date of presentation of instances.

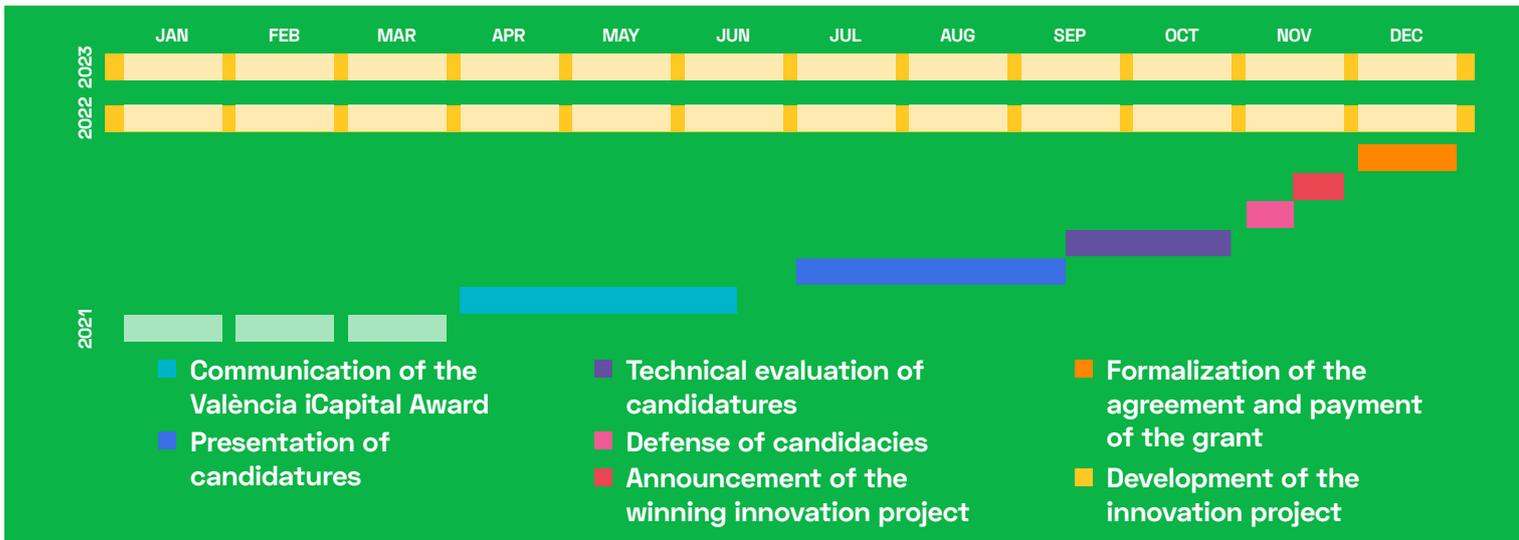
04 Evaluation of applications

EVALUATION PROCESS

ID	TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT PHASE - CRITERIA	MAX.
1.A	<p>Potential impact on the València Neutral City Mission.</p> <p>The proposed innovation and how it positively impacts the success of the de-carbonization of neighbourhoods or towns in Valencia will be evaluated.</p> <p>The innovative nature of the project and its impact on the systemic transformations required for the success of the València Neutral City mission will be assessed.</p>	 <p>30 points</p>
1.B	<p>Additional investment and potential impact on employment.</p> <p>The own investment that the person, entity, or alliance proposing the innovation will contribute to the innovation project in Valencia and that will complement the € 100,000 grant will be valued.</p> <p>The effects in terms of quality and inclusive employment during and after the development of the innovation will also be assessed.</p>	 <p>20 points</p>
1.C	<p>Social involvement and mobilization of the ecosystem.</p> <p>The demonstrated capacity for mobilization and cross-co-llaboration with entities of the 4 helixes of the innovation model, and especially the citizen and social involvement that the innovation project proposes will be valued.</p>	 <p>20 points</p>

ID	DEFENCE OF INNOVATION PHASE	MAX.
2.A	<p>Elevator Pitch and defence of the candidacy before the jury.</p> <p>The quality of the Pitch exhibition and the synthesis of the proposed innovation and its impacts on the València Neutral City Mission will be assessed.</p>	 <p>20 points</p>
2.B	<p>Responsiveness and evidence before the jury.</p> <p>The ability and clarity in the answers and evidence associated with questions raised by the defence jury will be assessed.</p>	 <p>10 points</p>

05 Calendar



ID MILESTONES CALENDAR

H1

Communication of the València iCapital Award.

In celebration of the world day of creativity and innovation on April 21st, 2021, we celebrate the national event of Urban Agenda and Innovation Missions. The Councillor for Innovation and Knowledge Management of the Valencia City Council, Carlos Galiana, announced that the €100,000 grant received by Valencia would be allocated to an international call for an innovation project on the climate mission.

On June 9th, 2021, during the celebration of the national communication event of the first mission approved by the city of València, the Councillor for Climate Emergency and Energy Transition, Alejandro Ramon, announced the design and details of the València City of Innovation Grant.

→ From April to June 2021

H2

Presentation of candidatures.

The process for submitting candidacies will be opened through the Missions València 2030 website (www.missionsvalencia.eu) of Las NAVES (or the Missions website) for 2 months and through forms and templates designed for the call.

This process will be accompanied by the social communication necessary for its knowledge.

→ From July 1st to September 15th, 2021

ID	MILESTONES CALENDAR
H3 	<p>Technical evaluation of candidatures.</p> <p>The candidatures will be evaluated by a Technical Evaluation Commission composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four experts in the field of innovation appointed by decree of the Delegate Councillor for Innovation and Knowledge Management. • Four experts in the field of renewable energies and climate change designated by decree of the delegate councillor for Renewable energies and Climate Change. <p>Only those innovation projects that exceed a 50-point assessment out of the 70 possible points in this phase will go to the next phase of defence of candidacies.</p> <p>→ September 15th to October 30th, 2021</p>
H4 	<p>Defense of candidacies.</p> <p>The candidates will proceed to their defence before a jury composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person who holds the Coordination of the Urban Strategy and Sustainable Agenda of the Valencia City Council. • The person who coordinates the urban ecology area of the Valencia City Council. • Delegate Councillor for Renewable Energies and Climate Change or person to whom he delegates. • Delegate Councillor for Innovation and Knowledge Management or person to whom he delegates. • 2 people from the Academy. • 2 people from the private sector. • 2 people from civil society. • 1 person from the media. <p>→ First fortnight of November 2021</p>
H5 	<p>Announcement of the winning innovation project.</p> <p>→ Second fortnight of November 2021</p>
H6 	<p>Formalization of the agreement and payment of the grant.</p> <p>→ December 2021</p>
H7 	<p>Development of the innovation project.</p> <p>→ 2022 to 2023</p>

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Guidelines for submission form

HOW TO APPLY?

Send the information requested below in a pdf document to the mail auxinnovacion@valencia.es:

GENERAL DATA OF THE INNOVATION PROJECT

- Title (required)
- Acronym (required)
- Organization leading the proposal (required)
- Other people or organizations that are part of the alliance
- SUMMARY/ABSTRACT (max 2000 characters including spaces) (required)
 - The abstract should provide a clear overview of your innovation proposal in relation to the objectives of the grant. It must be short and precise. It should be written as a stand-alone text.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Contact person (full name and title) (required)
- E-mail (required)
- Telephone (required)
- Country and City (required)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A maximum of 4,000 characters including spaces is allocated for each criterion)

IMPACT ON THE MISSION

- Describe the innovative nature of the project and how it will impact

on the Valencia Neutral City mission. [\(required\)](#)

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN THE MISSION

- Describe the additional resources and investments that the promoters of the innovation project will undertake to contribute to the València Neutral City Mission by complementing the € 100,000 offered by the Valencia City Council. [\(required\)](#)

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE MISSION

- Describe how the innovation project addresses the necessary social involvement (Civil & Social Engagement) contributing to the success of the València City Neutral mission. [\(required\)](#)
- Describe how the innovation project addresses the mobilization of the ecosystem and cross-collaboration in alliance with entities of the 4 helixes of the innovation model contributing to the success of the València Neutral City mission. [\(required\)](#)

ANNEXES

- Supporting documents of the innovation project can be provided as an annex within the 15 page limit.



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