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EU-funded I4-GREEN project selects 12 SMEs to support the project pilots

December 11, 2023- I4-GREEN is a 30-month European project funded by the Interregional Innovation Investments Instrument (I3) focused on the research and innovation for new models of interregional EU collaboration. I4-GREEN aims to drive and boost green, circular, and social tech deployment through joint investments, to ultimately reduce the EU dependence on imports of Critical Raw Materials and the negative impact on the environment of their extraction and processing.

The I4-GREEN project is focused on the sustainable improvement of the value chain of raw materials and is implementing 2 consolidated and profitable pilots in the southern region of Europe (Portugal and Spain). The project includes a system of cascade funding with a total budget of up to €448.500 for SMEs applying to deploy their technologies in these pilots.

After a call for proposals, the project received a total of 28 applications from companies from consultancy, engineering, environmental protection, ICT and training sectors. Following a two-phase evaluation process where the proposals' feasibility and impact were evaluated among other criteria, 6 SMEs were selected to implement their proposals in PILOT 1 and other 6 SMEs were selected for PILOT 2.

The six SMEs selected for the Iron Holm Oak pilot (managed by consortium partners Gevora Construcciones S.A. and Leonore Development SL, in Extremadura, Spain) include five Spanish companies and one Portuguese company: FORCERA LDA, CRS INGENIERIA, Consultoría Geológica, S.L, INDUMINE GLOBAL, AM GLOBAL CONSULTORES, and AZCATEC.

The six Spanish SMEs selected for the E-LIX pilot (deployed by consortium partners Atalaya Riotinto Minera SL and Lain Technologies SL in Andalusia, Spain) are QUALIFICA2, SCYPI, PTyMIO-PROYECTOS TECNICOS Y MONTAJES INDUSTRIALES ONUBENSES, FSI FILTRACION SL, MONTAJES INDUSTRIALES Y MECANICA SEVILLANA and CUBICOFF.

These SMEs will be developing and implementing different solutions such as environmental footprint, exploitation and mining technique analysis, valorisation solutions and a collection of analysis, hydrological assessment, or environmental safety study and LCA; among others. Funded by the European Union. The content of this report reflects only the author's view. The European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains.

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