

## **SpawnFoam BIG Impact Renewing Ecosystem Winner**

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Lisbon, Portugal

SpawnFoam was the winner of the BIG Impact Competition in the challenge Renewing Ecosystem proposed by the Municipality of Cascais. They won the first prize with an award of 5000 euros and will be developing a pilot with the City Hall during 2020.

Spawnfoam is in first edition of Circular for Good an acceleration program developed by BGI for the Environment and Energy Transition Ministry. During their participation in the Circular for Good Accelerator, the startups was part of 5-day intensive training with relevant feedback from industry key players providing them with tools and necessary information to grow and address their market needs.

Spawnfoam produces bio composites that are multifaceted and result in numerous applications, after their original application they can be reused for organic fertilization of soil or incorporated into new biocomposites. The biomaterials combine natural elements such as organic and agroforestry residues and organic adhesive material.

The BIG Impact competition counted with 15 startups focused on tackling three challenges proposed by each of the sponsors and partners. Vodafone proposed a challenge focused on Enabling People and on how we can use technology to foster inclusion. Visão challenge was related to the Empowerment of Society and on how we can tailor content to be push knowledge. Finally, the challenge proposed by the Municipality of Cascais related with the circular economy where it was asked how we can stimulate the adoption of circular behaviors.

This competition counted with several of BGI alumni such as Sensefinity that in a partnership with the World Federation of Sign Language created Wearable Braille 112, and immediate emergency call service for blind deaf people. This team was the winner of the BIG Impact Vodafone Challenge. Also present, we had Black Block, participant in the second edition of EIT Climat Kic and Eco2Blocks one of the teams that are part of the Circular for Good accelerator.

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