

## **Building Global Innovators announces the 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. Circular 4 Good Batch**

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This year, BGI and Fundo Ambiental from the Portuguese Environment and Energy Transition Ministry started a partnership to support Portuguese startups and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) working in circular economy area, through the acceleration program Circular 4 Good (C4G). The program aims to promote the development and maturation of the business models of the companies participating, exploring new strategies of circular economy (reuse, rethink, reduce, repair, remanufacture, recycle, and value) and help them identify local and global value propositions, connect to global investors and leverage their differentiated technologies to accelerate their business ventures and create an impact in the circular economy.

The program received 51 applications, being selected the best from the best 25.

In this program, the ventures accepted will participate in training sessions that aim to provide technical information and know-how in circular economy matters, including success stories, as well as in business model and investment areas. During 6 weeks, the businesses will also benefit from a mentoring program, where they will have access to experienced business catalysts, expert mentors, investors, corporates, introductions and connections to the startup ecosystem from BGI's network.

Following a training in Portugal, 10 companies will be selected to participate in an immersion week in the largest US green tech incubator: Green Town Labs - a community of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs that already incubated more than 170 startups raising \$320 million.

The ventures accepted to Circular 4 Good Accelerator are the following:

- **United Boutiques:** United Boutiques is an e-commerce platform that offers boutiques and brands with integrated solutions for selling stopped stock. This marketplace allows for easy and economic movement of stopped stock. For more information: <http://www.unitedboutiques.com>

- **Portugal Bugs:** Portugal Bugs is a pioneer in the creation and transformation of insects into food products for human consumption. For more information: <https://portugalbugs.pt/>
- **AgroGrIN Tech:** AgroGrIN Tech is an R&D company that has developed a patented technology for separating natural ingredients from waste streams, allowing the significantly decrease the amount of total downstream waste. For more information: <https://govtech.gov.pt/projects/252>
- **Shimejito - Urban Farms:** Shimejito allows you to have fresh food anywhere. Shimejito processes residues from other industries to produce organic additives for Agribusiness and to produce organic mushrooms for their customers. For more information: <https://shimejito.com/pt/>
- **Babu Eco:** Babu Eco started with a line of bamboo toothbrushes but is now developing several products, all made from materials that do not compromise biodiversity or the preservation of the ecosystem. For more information: <http://www.babueco.com/>
- **Go Parity:** Go Parity is an online impact investment and savings platform, providing citizens and corporate investors with access to investment opportunities in projects. For more information: <https://goparity.com/pt/>
- **Digital Drops:** Digital Drops is an analytical platform for the smart management of water utilities. It uses the most advanced artificial intelligent algorithms on the market to deliver optimized solutions in real time. For more information: <https://scubic.tech/>
- **EPCircle:** EPCircle has created a high-resolution EPC toolbox that is user-friendly and has airtight mobile app for in-situ data collection and the state-of-the-art energy calculation engine deployed in the cloud. For more information: <http://www.epcircleenergy.com/>
- **SEAentia:** SEAentia is a pioneer production in Recirculating Aquaculture System - RAM it allows to produce fish without chemical or antibiotics and with it is possible to produce of fresh fillets, smoked fillets, canned fillets, slices, fish burgers, fish sausages. For more information: <https://www.seaentia.pt/>
- **Eco2Blocks:** After 3 years of research, eCO2Blocks has developed pavement blocks that are 100% recycled and capable of CO2 absorption. Eco2paver is made by steel slag, wastewater and CO2 and require NO natural resources as raw materials. For more information: <http://eco2blocks.com/>
- **AgriStarBio:** AgriStarBio produces high quality tailor-made organomineral fertilizer from sludge of Waste Water Treatment Stations urban and industrial or livestock farms. For more information: <https://www.agristarbio.com/>

- **Terraguar:** Terraguar is a biostimulant made of microalgae and other organic/eco-friendly products. This biostimulant boasts high levels of assimilation, promoting vegetative growth and foliage development. For more information: <http://terragnar.pt/>
- **The Equal Food:** The Equal Food Co. creates a marketplace for surplus and ugly foods, helping farmers access to new markets while providing buyers with more sustainable options and better value.
- **Aquaponics Iberia:** Aquaponics Iberia's technological solutions create healthy, local fish protein and greens with 95% water consumption than conventional aquaculture and agriculture. For more information: <https://www.aquaponicsiberia.com/?lang=en>
- **Fair Meals:** FairMeals connects partners with surplus food to eager clients in real-time. For more information: <https://www.fairmeals.pt/>
- **EAS Projects:** The RacionalUSO project EAS's first project in Portugal. It's goal is to drastically reduce the environmental impacts of major urban centers.
- **Mercado de Resíduos:** Mercado de Resíduos is a B2B waste marketplace that shows the economic and market values of agricultural waste products, fostering a relationship between waste producers and potential buyers.
- **Aguaplus:** Aguaplus uses floating gardens to control the amount of sunlight passing into surface waters, effectively reducing evaporation rates and preventing the development of harmful algae.
- **Ecowm:** Ecowm is a solution for the efficient management of waste water: improving energy efficiency, reducing water consumption and reducing waste.
- **Spawnfoam:** Spawnfoam developed a new biocomposite material from agroforestry waste and inactivated fungi. For more information: <https://www.spawnfoam.pt/en/>
- **Pepe Aromas:** Pepe Aromas is launching a new project focused on purifying water using the cladodes of the prickly pear cactus. For more information: <http://www.pepearomas.com/?lang=en>
- **Builtrix:** Builtrix is a world-class energy management and analytics solution that improves energy efficiency by revealing unnecessary resource costs, identifying performance issues and uncovering new saving strategies for commercial buildings. For more information: <https://www.builtrix.tech/pt/>
- **Givaware:** Givaware develops sustainable product solutions through design strategy focused on circular economy based on waste. For more information: <https://givaware.com/>

- **Seaweed:** we design microalgae based irresistible superfoods to every person that wants to eat in a sustainable and healthy way. We aim to introduce Spirulina and Chlorella in a practical manner through our energy bar line as well as in a supplementation manner. For more information:

<https://climatelaunchpad.org/finalists/seaweed/>

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