

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

RISE FOR IMPACT PROGRAM | CASA DO IMPACTO

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Framework

Founded within the Department of Entrepreneurship and Social Economy (DEES) of Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa (SCML) as a platform dedicated to impact innovation and entrepreneurship, Casa do Impacto's mission is to help address social and environmental challenges. To this end, Casa do Impacto is launching the seventh edition of the **RISE for Impact** program, seeking to articulate in a coherent and complementary manner the various interventions it develops, with the aim of building a **pipeline** capable of supporting social entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives across their different stages of development and needs.

This edition of **RISE for Impact** is co-funded by the **CONNECT – Transformar Conhecimento em Impacto** project, under Aviso n.º LISBOA2030-2024-16 – Centros de Empreendedorismo de Impacto, within the framework of the Programa Regional de Lisboa (POR Lisboa 2030)) and the Portugal Social Innovation 2030 initiative. CONNECT is a project developed by a consortium led by SCML, through Casa do Impacto as the coordinating entity, bringing together several partners and social investors. Its objective is to promote knowledge transfer between Academia and Civil Society in the fields of social innovation and impact entrepreneurship through the co-creation of incubation and acceleration processes for innovative projects.

In this context, the **RISE for Impact** program is an acceleration program designed to provide targeted support to innovative social projects that are in the idea, product or service validation phase and/or in the process of validating their business model. Its purpose is to strengthen the capabilities of entrepreneurs during the early stages of project development. The program aims to attract motivated entrepreneurs with

projects that promote innovative solutions to social challenges and needs, aligned with the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and with the values promoted by SCML in building a more supportive and sustainable society.

Given the scarcity of innovative social impact projects in the national market, it is considered a priority to start at the very beginning of the **pipeline**, stimulating the generation of new ideas and their transformation into technically viable and financially sustainable solutions, while supporting individuals and teams who demonstrate motivation and capabilities for social entrepreneurship.

Furthermore, projects emerging from the **RISE for Impact** programme may continue their journey through other areas of intervention within Casa do Impacto of Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa, namely incubation and, where possible, investment.

The **RISE for Impact** programme has an **exclusive focus** on **entrepreneurs with projects or startups operating in the social and healthcare sectors**, fostering innovative solutions that generate tangible benefits for society. The initiatives supported are aligned with the mission of creating positive social impact, which is essential for a sustainable and just transition.

1. PROGRAM'S OBJECTIVES

1.1 The objectives of the RISE for Impact program are:

- a) To contribute to the greater promotion and visibility of the social innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, in alignment with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and the values promoted by SCML, aiming to build a more inclusive and sustainable society;
- b) To enhance the consolidation and expansion of innovative products and services in the social and health sectors within the market, ensuring they provide tangible benefits to society and evolve into new solutions in the Social Economy sector, actively driving social innovation and entrepreneurship;
- c) To foster the acquisition of advanced skills in social entrepreneurship, from problem identification to the implementation of scalable and sustainable solutions, promoting positive social impact across diverse communities;
- d) To empower entrepreneurs with multidisciplinary skills and social innovation tools, integrating leadership abilities, strategic thinking, and impact assessment techniques. This enables the identification of opportunities, mobilization of

resources, and addressing of social challenges, maximizing the creation of sustainable, equitable, and inclusive social value.

2. TARGET AUDIENCE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Entrepreneurs who meet the following requirements cumulatively may apply to the RISE for Impact program:

a) Have a project in an early stage of development or own a startup with an innovative component that is at a point of reassessment of its business model;

b) Ensure that their projects or startups and their respective components:

i. Fall within the social and health sectors;

ii. Promote innovative solutions to address social problems and needs, in alignment with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and the values promoted by SCML for building a more inclusive and sustainable society;

c) Are not in a situation of legal impediment, incompatibility, or conflict of interest, as defined in the following provisions;

d) Submit all required elements along with the properly completed application form, as specified in Section 3 below.

2.2 An entrepreneur or any responsible party within the startup is deemed to be in a situation of impediment, incompatibility, or conflict of interest, particularly—and without prejudice to other situations provided for by law — if they:

a) Are an employee of SCML or have been, in any capacity, associated with SCML and/or the DEES team of SCML or the jury of any edition of the RISE for Impact program;

b) Are a spouse, partner in a relationship akin to marriage, or share a common household; are a relative or in-law in a direct line or up to the third degree of collateral relation; or have a relationship of adoption, guardianship, legal care, or civil sponsorship with an employee, collaborator, consultant, executive, or member of the management body of SCML or any other entity involved in managing the RISE for Impact program, and who may, in any way, influence the program's outcome or compromise the integrity of the process;

c) Have economic, material, or any other interests that could compromise the impartiality and objectivity required for participation in the RISE for Impact program, or that could, in any way, jeopardize its fairness, transparency, and integrity.

2.3 The RISE for Impact program accepts applications from individuals, legal entities, or teams of individuals (but not consortia of legal entities), with varying levels of experience and qualifications. Applications are welcomed from recently graduated individuals to experienced entrepreneurs, with both academic background and professional experience being valued. The program promotes the inclusion of diverse profiles.

2.4 Applications selected to participate in the RISE for Impact program must ensure attendance at the in-person bootcamp and all sessions, activities, or events of the program's various stages, as follows:

- a) For legal entities, the legal representative or the individual designated in the application for this purpose;
- b) For individual applicants, the applicant themselves;
- c) For teams composed of individuals, a team member or a designated individual specified in the application for this purpose.

2.5 In cases of force majeure, duly justified and accepted by the designated representatives of the Casa do Impacto team at SCML, selected candidates may be excused from participating in some sessions of the in-person bootcamp, activities, or events of the program.

2.6 Candidates or teams who do not confirm, in the application form, their availability to participate in the in-person bootcamp and all sessions, activities, or events in the various stages of the program, as stipulated in the previous sections, will not be eligible for pre-selection for the RISE for Impact program.

2.7 Candidates or teams who fail to attend any of the activities mentioned, without prior authorization from the program's responsible party, will be immediately excluded, with the consequences for exclusion defined for each phase of the RISE for Impact program.

3. CANDIDATURAS

3.1 Applications must be submitted through the Casa do Impacto SCML website at <https://casadoimpacto.scml.pt/en/open-call/acceleration/rise/> by completing and submitting the application form and uploading the following elements:

- a) A video pitch with a maximum duration of three (3) minutes, including a brief description of the idea or project to be developed and the motivation driving the individual applicant, legal entity, or team to apply;
- b) Declaration(s) under Honor Commitment, duly signed by each applicant [for legal entities, by their legal representatives, and for teams, by all individual members], declaring:
 - i. That the data and information provided in the application are true and complete;
 - ii. A commitment to provide any additional information or documentation, if requested, to validate the information in the electronically submitted form, as well as all necessary supporting documents that demonstrate compliance with any admission conditions or requirements;
 - iii. That they do not have any impediment, incompatibility, or conflict of interest as defined by law and previously outlined;
 - iv. A commitment to promptly inform Casa do Impacto of SCML of any circumstances that may arise, at any time, indicating impediments, incompatibilities, or conflicts of interest as provided for;
 - v. An acknowledgment that providing false statements or omitting relevant information will result in immediate disqualification from the program and may incur civil and criminal liability under the law, as well as requiring reimbursement to SCML of any funds already disbursed at any stage of the program.

3.2 Only applications submitted through the electronic form available on the Casa do Impacto SCML website, with all required attachments, and meeting the application requirements outlined in Section 2 will be accepted.

3.3 Failure to submit, irregular or incomplete completion of the application form, video, or Honor Commitment Declaration, or the intentional submission of false statements or misleading information about the applicant or their project, will result in immediate disqualification of the application, without prejudice to other applicable legal sanctions.

3.4 Once the application form and associated elements are submitted, modifications cannot be made at a later stage.

3.5 SCML's Casa do Impacto's team reserves the right to request additional information and documentation to validate the information provided in the electronically submitted form.

3.6 Applications submitted by other means will not be accepted.

3.7 The application deadline will be announced on the Casa do Impacto SCML website.

3.8 All communication and contact with applicants or teams will be conducted via email, sent from the address casadoimpacto@scml.pt to the email address provided by the applicant or team in the application form.

3.9 If an applicant or team withdraws, is disqualified, or encounters subsequent impediments or incompatibilities up until the end of the second phase of the program (pre-acceleration bootcamp and selection), the jury may decide to admit the next highest-ranked applicant or team.

3.10 From the third phase of the program (acceleration or capacity building and selection), if an applicant or team withdraws, is disqualified, or encounters subsequent impediments or incompatibilities, the RISE for Impact program will proceed with the remaining applicants or teams.

4. PROGRAM'S PHASES

4.1 The RISE for Impact program consists of four (4) phases:

- a) Phase 1: Pre-selection of applications;
- b) Phase 2: Pre-acceleration (bootcamp) and selection;
- c) Phase 3: Acceleration or capacity building and selection;
- d) Phase 4: Post-acceleration or incubation and selection.

4.2 Pre-selection Phase (Phase 1)

4.2.1 The pre-selection phase is divided into two (2) stages:

- a) Stage 1: Analysis, evaluation, and decision-making for pre-selecting applications that will advance to the next phase;
- b) Stage 2: Communication of pre-selection or exclusion decisions to applicants or teams.

4.2.2 The analysis, evaluation, and decision-making for pre-selection (Stage 1) are conducted by a jury as outlined in Section 5. This stage aims to determine the final ranking of applicants or teams based on the evaluation criteria and weighting specified for this phase. The top 30 (thirty) applications with the highest scores will advance to the next phase.

4.2.3 If, by the end of the application period, the number of applicants or teams is insufficient to select 30 projects to participate in the RISE for Impact program, the open call period may be extended for a reasonable time as determined by the appointed members of Casa do Impacto of SCML.

4.2.4 Once the top 30 (thirty) applicants or teams have been pre-selected to advance to the next phase, the remaining applications will be excluded from the program.

4.2.5 The jury reserves the right to reject any application in this phase if it is deemed unsuitable or of limited interest concerning the program's principles and objectives. In such cases, the jury may recommend to the appointed team members of Casa do Impacto SCML that the edition of the program be canceled. This decision is final, with no entitlement to compensation or appeal by any applicant or team.

4.2.6 Pre-selection or exclusion decisions for applicants or teams will be communicated (Stage 2) via email. Pre-selected applications and those excluded at this stage will be notified through messages sent by Casa do Impacto of SCML.

4.3 Pre-acceleration (Bootcamp) Phase and Selection (Phase 2)

4.3.1 The pre-acceleration (bootcamp) and selection phase is divided into three (3) stages:

- a) Stage 1: Participation in the bootcamp;
- b) Stage 2: Analysis, evaluation, and decision-making for selecting applications to advance;
- c) Stage 3: Communication to applicants or teams and publication of a shortlist of selected applications.

4.3.2 Stage 1 involves mandatory in-person attendance, as stated in section 2.4. This bootcamp event comprises continuous sessions designed to:

- a) Deepen essential skills for developing impact entrepreneurship projects through a dynamic and balanced program that incorporates cutting-edge knowledge, case studies, and practical application of tools;

b) Present concepts, models, and tools, followed by team-based application time with mentor support, enabling participants to address challenges posed by trainers and Casa do Impacto SCML team members throughout the sessions.

4.3.3 This stage (bootcamp attendance) lasts a maximum of two (2) consecutive days at announced dates, times, and locations. Participation is mandatory for applicants or teams selected in the previous phase.

4.3.4 Stage 2 involves analysis, evaluation, and decision-making conducted by a jury, as outlined in section 5. This stage determines the final ranking of the top 30 applicants or teams, based on defined evaluation criteria and weighting. The top 10 applications advance to the next phase.

4.3.5 Once the top 10 (ten) applications are selected, the remaining candidates are excluded from the program.

4.3.6 Stage 3 entails the announcement of selected applications via a published shortlist on Casa do Impacto SCML's website or social media channels. Selected and excluded candidates are notified via email.

4.4 Acceleration or Capacity Building Phase and Selection (Phase 3)

4.4.1 This phase is divided into three (3) stages:

- a) Stage 1: Mandatory attendance of various capacity-building sessions, a final event, and a Q&A session;
- b) Stage 2: Analysis, evaluation, and decision-making for selecting applications to advance;
- c) Stage 3: Communication to applicants or teams and publication of a shortlist of selected applications.

4.4.2 Stage 1 consists of capacity-building sessions featuring training, mentoring, and masterclasses. These sessions provide entrepreneurs with practical tools for impact entrepreneurship, enabling iterative application to their projects. The program concludes with a final event and Q&A session to strengthen business models and project sustainability.

4.4.3 This stage spans approximately two (2) months, with specific dates, times, and locations to be announced.

4.4.4 During capacity-building sessions, participants must submit demonstrative deliverables and execution reports. They will also present a five (5) minute pitch during the final event.

4.4.5 The final event includes a pitch presentation followed by a five (5) minute Q&A session with the jury.

4.4.6 The stage of analysis, evaluation and selection decision of applications in this phase is carried out by a jury and by those responsible from the Casa do Impacto of SCML's team appointed for this purpose, in accordance with and under the terms defined in items 5 and 6.4, with based on the criteria defined in Tables I and II of item 6.5, respectively, intended to determine the final classification of the 10 (ten) candidates or candidate teams in this phase, taking into account the evaluation criteria, respective valuation and weighting referred to below for this phase, as well as identifying the first 3 (three) applications that obtained the best classification and that, consequently, will move on to the next phase.

4.4.7 The selected applications will be announced through a shortlist published on the Casa do Impacto da SCML website or on its social networks, as well as the selection or exclusion will be communicated to the selected and excluded applications, respectively, through an email message sent by Casa do Impacto of SCML.

4.5 Post-acceleration or Incubation Phase and Selection (Phase 4)

4.5.1 The Post-acceleration or Incubation Phase and Selection consists of three (3) stages:

- a) Stage 1: Free access to workspace and personalized mentoring at Casa do Impacto SCML, a public presentation session, pitch presentation, and Q&A session;
- b) Stage 2: Analysis, evaluation, and decision-making for identifying the winner and final rankings;
- c) Stage 3: Communication of results to participants and publication of final rankings.

4.5.2 The 1st stage, of mandatory in-person attendance, as set out in item 2.4, consists of providing access to workspace and personalized mentoring, free of charge, final event and question and answer session and aims to provide candidates or teams with candidates technical and administrative support, networking and provision of information on access to essential resources, investments and sustainable growth.

4.5.3 This stage lasts up to one (1) month, with dates, times, and locations to be announced.

4.5.4 During the support and mentoring period, candidates or candidate teams must present demonstrative elements (deliverables) and execution reports, after which, they must make a 5 (five) minute pitch, for presentation in the public session referred to below.

4.5.5 At the end of this stage, a public session will be held where the pitch will be presented, followed by a question and answer session with the jury lasting 10 (ten) minutes.

4.5.6 The stage of analysis, evaluation and selection decision of applications in this phase is carried out by a jury and by those responsible from the Casa do Impacto of SCML's team appointed for this purpose, in accordance with and under the terms defined in points 5 and 6.4, allocating - determine the final classification of candidates or candidate teams, based on the evaluation criteria and respective weighting defined in Tables I and II of item 6.5, respectively, and identify the application that obtained the best classification, as well as the applications that obtained the second and third classifications.

4.5.7 The classification of applications will be announced in the public session and through publication on the Casa do Impacto da SCML website or on its social networks.

5. JURY

5.1 In each phase of the RISE for Impact program there will be a jury composed of different elements, indicated by the Director of the Department of Entrepreneurship and Social Economy (DEES) of SCML, in accordance with the following numbers.

5.2 The jury for the first phase (pre-selection of applications) shall consist of members of the Casa do Impacto team of SCML appointed for this purpose.

5.3 The juries for the second phase (pre-acceleration or bootcamp), the third phase (acceleration or capacity-building), and the fourth phase (post-acceleration or incubation) shall consist of up to six members, including one representative of the Casa do Impacto team of SCML appointed for this purpose, who shall act as Chair and by members of organisations operating in the fields of entrepreneurship and social innovation, appointed by the Chair of the jury.

5.4 The jury of each phase shall be responsible for reviewing and evaluating applications, deciding which applications progress to the next phase and which are excluded from the programme. In the final phase, the jury shall also be responsible for selecting the winning application, as well as those placed second and third. No appeal or complaint may be lodged against the jury's decisions.

5.5 All members of the jury involved in any selection phase of the RISE for Impact programme, as well as members of the Casa do Impacto team who have any involvement in the programme under these Regulations, shall, in that capacity, sign a declaration confirming the absence of any conflict of interest, in accordance with a previously approved template.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.1 The evaluation criteria for each phase of the RISE for Impact program consist of parameters that will be used to evaluate and rank applications in each of the program phases.

6.2 Each of the evaluation criteria is scored from 1 to 5 points, having a certain weight in the overall evaluation, expressed through the percentage value identified in Tables I and II of point 6.5, being attributed:

- a) 1 (one) point: in case of poor compliance;
- b) 2 (two) points: in case of reduced compliance;
- c) 3 (three) points: in case of sufficient compliance;
- d) 4 (four) points: in case of good compliance;
- e) 5 (five) points: in case of high compliance.

6.3 In the four selection phases (1st: pre-selection of applications; 2nd: pre-acceleration or bootcamp, 3rd: acceleration or capacity building; and 4th: post-acceleration or incubation), candidates or candidate teams and their respective projects are evaluated according to the 5 (five) criteria defined in Table I of item 6.5.

6.4 In the last two selection phases (3rd: acceleration or capacity building; and 4th: post-acceleration or incubation), there are two evaluation moments:

- a) Continuous assessment of performance in initiatives, demonstrative elements (deliverables) and execution reports, which is carried out by those responsible for Casa do Impacto of SCML's team appointed for this purpose, based on the 4 (four) defined criteria in Table II of point 6.5;

- b) Evaluation of the pitch and respective question and answer session, carried out by the jury appointed under item 5, in accordance with the 5 (five) criteria defined in Table I of item 6.5.

6.5 Each of the assessment moments identified in the previous paragraph will have the following weight in the overall calculation:

- a) Performance in initiatives, demonstrative elements (deliverables) and execution reports: 70%;
- b) Pitch and respective question and answer session with the jury: 30%.

Table I		
CRITERIA	POINT SYSTEM	WEIGHTING
A. Adequacy of the profile of the candidate or candidate team. A.1. <u>Technical Competencies</u>: assesses the candidate's knowledge in the project area, including training and relevant practical experience in implementing similar solutions, and the success achieved; A.2. <u>Diversity</u>: assesses the diversity of academic and professional backgrounds of the team; A.3. <u>Leadership</u>: assesses leadership track record on previous projects, including success in mobilizing resources and managing teams.	1 to 5	30%
B. Sustainability and financial viability of the project. B.1. <u>Adequate and realistic budgeting</u>: assesses the accuracy in creating budgets and the adequacy in the distribution of financial resources; B.2. <u>Capacity to mobilize resources and control expenses</u>: assesses the project's ability to raise funds, form strategic partnerships and use external resources effectively.	1 to 5	20%
C. Degree of innovation and response to the challenge C.1. <u>Creativity of the proposed solution</u>: assesses whether the proposal offers an innovative solution compared to traditional approaches in the Portuguese and European market;	1 to 5	20%

C.2. <u>Adequacy to the identified problem</u> : assesses the clear correspondence between the identified problem and the solution, and whether it responds adequately to the local context.		
D. Potential impact on target audience D.1. <u>Relevance and alignment with community needs</u> : assesses the relevance of the project to meet the identified needs of the target community; D.2. <u>Transformative capacity and potential for change</u> : assesses the project's ability to generate positive and sustainable changes in the community.	1 to 5	20%
E. Contribution to the pursuit of equality policies E.1. <u>Concrete measures to promote and combat discrimination</u> : evaluates project strategies to guarantee equal opportunities and combat various forms of discrimination.	1 to 5	10%

Table II			
CRITERIA	POINT SYSTEM	WEIGHTING	
		Weighting for Capacity Building Phase	Weighting for Incubation Phase
F. Participation and attendance F.1. <u>Active involvement</u> : assesses proactivity and participation in program activities; F.2. <u>Attendance</u> : assesses frequency and presence in scheduled sessions and tasks; F.3. <u>Contribution to activities</u> : assesses the impact and quality of participation in assigned tasks.	1 to 5	30%	10%
G. Performance and deliverables G.1. <u>Compliance with deadlines</u> : evaluates the delivery of results within the stipulated deadlines and respective execution reports;	1 to 5	30%	50%

G.2. <u>Quality of results</u> : qualitatively evaluates the objectives achieved according to standards required by the team; G.3. <u>Problem-solving skills</u> : assesses the ability to deal with obstacles and difficulties during the process.			
H. Work progress and degree of project development H.1. <u>Alignment with objectives</u> : assesses the degree of compliance with planned goals and achieved milestones; H.2. <u>Adaptability</u> : assesses the flexibility in adjusting the project to circumstances; H.3. <u>Progress</u> : assesses efficiency in executing and meeting defined milestones.	1 to 5	20%	30%
I. Group spirit and teamwork I.1. <u>Collaboration</u> : assesses the ability to collaborate with the team and promote cooperation; I.2. <u>Conflict resolution</u> : assesses the ability to resolve conflicts and find collaborative solutions.	1 to 5	20%	10%

7. SUPPORTS UNDER THE PROGRAM

7.1 Candidates or candidate teams selected to participate in the third phase (acceleration or capacity-building) will be awarded a one-off financial grant in the form of a monthly stipend of €500.00 (five hundred euros), payable at the start of the third phase.

This financial support is intended to cover expenses associated with the candidate(s)' participation in the program, contributing to the appeal of RISE for Impact, strengthening its competitiveness, and fostering an environment conducive to innovation.

7.2 Beneficiaries of the financial support referred to in the preceding clause must attend at least 80% of the sessions of the third phase of the program. Should this requirement not be met, SCML reserves the right to request the full reimbursement of the financial support granted.

7.3 Beneficiaries of the financial support referred to in the preceding clause must issue a receipt acknowledging payment of the amount received. This receipt must be submitted to the designated members of the Casa do Impacto team of SCML within a maximum period of five (5) business days following receipt of the payment, as proof thereof.

7.4 Candidates or candidate teams selected to participate in the third phase (acceleration or capacity-building) and the fourth phase (post-acceleration or incubation) of the RISE for Impact program shall also benefit from the following non-financial support measures, depending on the phase and for the duration of their participation therein:

- a) Training and mentoring sessions, exchange of experiences and case studies, aiming to provide entrepreneurs with the skills necessary to develop their project;
- b) Monitoring by those responsible for the Casa do Impacto of SCML's team appointed for this purpose, or to whomever is delegating it, of the work carried out by the candidates or candidate teams in the various phases, evaluating the execution reports prepared by them and issuing opinions and recommendations;
- c) Access to a work space defined for this purpose, which is subject to compliance with the respective rules of use contained in the "Casa do Impacto Space Operating Rules";
- d) If they are also participants in the ongoing Casa do Impacto of SCML's incubation program and are obliged to pay monthly fees by virtue of the respective applicable regulations, they will be exempt from paying them during the entire period of participation in the RISE for Impact program.

8. PRIZES

8.1 The three (3) finalist applications will be awarded a prize consisting of free participation in the Casa do Impacto incubation program of SCML for a period of 12 months, commencing in the month following the completion of the fourth phase (post-acceleration or incubation), subject to the execution of the corresponding incubation agreement.

8.2 At the end of the 4th phase (post-acceleration or incubation), the following prizes will be:

- a) Prize worth €5,000.00 euros (five thousand euros) to the winning application;

- b) Prize worth €3,000.00 euros (three thousand euros) to second place;
- c) Prize worth €2,000.00 euros (two thousand euros) to third place.

8.3. The prizes awarded during the fourth phase (post-acceleration or incubation) of the RISE for Impact program are intended to finance costs associated with the development, consolidation, and structuring of the projects, with a view to strengthening their viability, maturity, and technical, operational, and strategic robustness. These prizes are designed to support projects in preparing for subsequent stages of implementation, scaling, or investment readiness.

9. CANDIDATES' OBLIGATIONS

9.1 Without prejudice to any other duties and/or obligations specifically set forth in these Terms of Participation, applicants and applicant teams participating in the RISE for Impact program shall be subject to the following duties and/or obligations, failure to comply with which may result in exclusion from the program:

- a) Do not make any changes to the ownership of the application, except for reasons of force majeure, duly justified and accepted by those responsible for the Casa do Impacto of SCML's team appointed for this purpose;
- b) Ensure in-person participation (in the case of individuals) or that of at least one of your legal representatives (in the case of legal entities) or one of the members of the candidate team (in the case of candidate teams) to the RISE for Impact program, in particular at the bootcamp, as well as at all sessions, activities or other events within the program;
- c) Submit, within 15 days following the conclusion of the third phase (acceleration or capacity-building), if selected to advance to the next phase, and as a condition for eligibility to receive any prizes awarded by SCML, the following documents evidencing compliance with identification, verification, and due diligence requirements:
 - (i) RCBE (Central Register of Beneficial Ownership), a filing designed to ensure the availability of sufficient, accurate, and up-to-date information regarding the natural person(s) who, whether directly or indirectly, including through third parties, ultimately own or exercise effective control over the applicant legal entity.
 - (ii) KYC (Know Your Customer) questionnaire, or an equivalent instrument, intended to identify any risks associated with the relationship between SCML and

its counterparties, in accordance with its policies and procedures for the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing, as well as the prevention of corruption, related offenses, and conflicts of interest.

d) Provide documentation evidencing the IBAN associated with the relevant account holder (individual or legal entity) or, in the case of informal teams without legal personality, a joint declaration signed by all team members or by the legal representatives of the applicant entity, confirming that any prizes, stipends, or other financial support awarded under the RISE for Impact program shall be paid exclusively to the designated IBAN; that the amounts awarded constitute full and sufficient compensation; and that no claim, dispute, or challenge may subsequently be raised regarding the ownership of the IBAN or the internal allocation of the amounts received.

e) Deliver reports on project development whenever requested;

f) Promptly inform the Casa do Impacto of SCML's team, if the existence of situations that may constitute impediments, incompatibilities or conflicts of interest provided for in items 2.2 and 3.3 and in the legal terms arises at any time;

g) Grant the image, communication and dissemination rights to be carried out by SCML itself and its Casa do Impacto with external entities, as well as mention the support of SCML and its respective Casa do Impacto of SCML within the scope of the RISE for Impact program in any communication or disclosure about this or respective project, without prejudice to the provisions of the following paragraph;

h) Respect the communication plan, refraining, during the validity of the RISE for Impact program, from establishing or developing any contacts with the media without the prior consent of those responsible for Casa do Impacto of SCML's team appointed for this purpose;

i) Collaborate with SCML and its Casa do Impacto, in publicizing the RISE for Impact program, making itself available, whenever requested, to give testimonials and provide information about the respective project for the purposes of producing promotional materials, especially audiovisual materials.

j) If the project selected to participate in the RISE for Impact program is, as of the start date of its participation, already in the commercialization stage or offering products or services in the marketplace, the relevant applicant(s) shall ensure full compliance with all applicable national and European laws and regulations, as well as any legal, technical, administrative, or sector-specific requirements applicable to the nature of the activity carried out, and shall assume full responsibility for such compliance.

Where full compliance has not yet been fully achieved due to the maturity level, stage of development, or nature of the supported projects, taking into account the types of initiatives that RISE for Impact seeks to support, the applicant(s) shall provide plans, timelines, or other documentary evidence demonstrating, in a clear, consistent, and credible manner, their intention, commitment, and capacity to achieve such compliance within an appropriate timeframe.

The applicant(s) further undertake to provide and, whenever requested by SCML or by entities authorized by SCML, make available relevant supporting documentation, including, without limitation, licenses, permits, registrations, certifications, declarations, or any other legally required documentation.

SCML shall bear no direct or indirect liability for any acts or omissions, or for any products or services developed, offered, or commercialized by projects supported under the RISE for Impact program, nor for any damages, legal, regulatory, or contractual non-compliance, losses, or consequences arising therefrom. Such responsibilities shall be borne exclusively by the relevant applicant(s).

9.2 Violation of any of these duties, or any other duties or obligations provided for herein, results in immediate exclusion from the RISE for Impact program and total or partial refund of the amounts received, depending on the severity of the violation, the damage to the program, to SCML or to Casa de Impacto, or for any other candidates or candidate teams, and time of their practice.

9.3 The decision on the specific amounts to be returned in case of violation under the terms set out in the previous paragraph is up to SCML and its Casa do Impacto, with no appeal or complaint against said decision being permitted, and the candidates or candidate teams must proceed with their return, within 10 (ten) days of notification of said decision, under penalty of SCML resorting to the legal means at its disposal for the effective return of such amounts.

9.4 The supervening existence of situations of impediment, incompatibility or conflict of interest provided for in items 2.2 and 3.3 results in immediate exclusion from the program.

10. INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

10.1 The intellectual and industrial property rights of the ideas and projects of candidates or candidate teams belong to them.

10.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous paragraph, candidates authorize SCML to use non-confidential information in its promotion and dissemination activity of the RISE for Impact program.

10.3 SCML, and Casa do Impacto of SCML's team managers appointed for the purposes mentioned in this document, or the jury members of each phase of the program, cannot be held responsible for any violations of intellectual and industrial property, plagiarism or misuse of information relating to candidates or candidate teams, by other candidates or candidate teams, or by entities external to the organization.

10.4 SCML, and Casa do Impacto of SCML's team managers appointed for the purposes mentioned in this document, or the jury members of each phase of the program, cannot be held responsible for any violations of intellectual and industrial property, plagiarism or misuse of information relating to third parties by candidates or teams applying to the RISE for Impact program.

11. PRIVACY AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

11.1 Personal data processed under these Terms of Participation shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes of applications to the RISE for Impact program, including, to the extent strictly necessary, for the disclosure and publication of the shortlists of applications selected at each stage.

11.2 The data controller responsible for the processing of the personal data of applicants and applicant teams participating in the RISE for Impact program is Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa (SCML), a private legal entity with public utility status, registered under corporate identification number 500 745 571, with its registered office at Largo Trindade Coelho, 1200-470 Lisbon, Portugal.

11.3 The individuals responsible for applications to the RISE for Impact program must provide their freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous consent to the processing of their personal data, without which it will not be possible to proceed with the application process.

11.4 If a data subject withdraws consent to the processing of their personal data, the corresponding application shall be excluded from the program.

11.5 Without prejudice to the foregoing, applicants will be requested to provide their freely given, specific, informed, and unambiguous consent for the processing of personal data for other purposes, including the processing of special categories of personal data submitted as part of an application, as well as for the collection and use

of image and audio rights. Such purposes shall be expressly identified in the relevant consent form at the time of collection.

11.6 Personal data shall be processed for the purposes for which it is collected and retained for an administrative retention period of ten (10) years. Upon expiration of this period, the information shall be retained permanently, as provided under classification code 900.10.01, reference no. 261, of the document retention schedule contained in Annex I to the SCML Records Management Regulation, approved by Ordinance No. 6/2017 of January 4. Accordingly, following the expiration of the administrative retention period, personal data shall continue to be processed, in a manner compatible with the original purposes of collection, for public-interest archiving, scientific research, or historical research purposes.

11.7 Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR) and Law No. 58/2019 of August 8, data subjects are guaranteed the rights to information, access, rectification, portability, restriction of processing, and erasure of their personal data, as well as the right to withdraw their consent at any time. Such withdrawal shall not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out prior to the withdrawal, provided the applicable legal requirements have been met, without prejudice to the legal obligation to disclose benefits granted by Public Administration entities to private parties pursuant to Law No. 64/2013 of August 27.

11.8 The rights referred to in the preceding section may be exercised by contacting casadoimpacto@scml.pt, through the contact form available on the SCML website under the Privacy Policy section, or by mail addressed to the Data Protection Officer at Largo Trindade Coelho, 1200-470 Lisbon, Portugal.

11.9 Without prejudice to any other administrative or judicial remedy, applicants and applicant teams shall also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Portuguese Data Protection Authority (CNPD) or any other competent supervisory authority, in accordance with applicable law, if they believe that the processing of personal data by SCML within the framework of the RISE for Impact program and under these Terms of Participation does not comply with the applicable legal requirements.

11.10 Additional information regarding the terms, rules, and conditions governing the processing of personal data may be found in the SCML Privacy Policy, available at www.scml.pt.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

The parties undertake to maintain confidentiality regarding the content of all information to which they have access during the RISE for Impact program, notably data that may affect intellectual property rights, even after its termination, except to the extent strictly necessary to the execution of the initiative and its promotion and dissemination, or for the fulfillment of legal duties, unless expressly authorized in writing by the other party.

13. FINAL PROVISIONS

13.1 Neither SCML, the designated members of the Casa do Impacto team appointed for the purposes set forth in these Terms of Participation, nor the members of the jury of any phase of the program shall be held liable for the cancellation of the program in the circumstances described in Section 4.2.5, or for any postponements or modifications resulting from unforeseen circumstances or force majeure events.

13.2 Any matters not expressly addressed in these Terms of Participation shall be duly reviewed and determined by the designated members of the Casa do Impacto team of SCML appointed for that purpose.

13.3 SCML and Casa do Impacto reserve the right, at any time, to amend these Terms of Participation. Any such amendments shall be published in a revised version on the Casa do Impacto website, and shall become effective immediately upon publication.

13.4 Participation in the program constitutes full acceptance by applicants and applicant teams of these Terms of Participation, including the representations and warranties regarding the absence of any restrictions, incompatibilities, or conflicts of interest expressly provided for herein or under applicable law that would prevent participation in the RISE for Impact program.