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Ranking Criteria for the Second UNIC4ER Seed Fund

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| **ELIGIBILITY CHECK** |  |
| Does the lead PI aim to develop and submit the project proposal for a Horizon Europe, JPI Urban Europe, AMIF, Digital Europe, Interreg or similar funding? | **Yes / No** |
| Does the project proposal have at least one UNIC university as a partner? | **Yes / No** |
| Does the project proposal have at least one societal partner (UNIC City, municipality, other governmental bodies, civil society organizations, NGOs, companies, etc)? | **Yes / No** |
| Has the project PI included a preliminary plan for each project partner: will it be a project partner or provide a Letter of Support for the project? | **Yes / No** |
| Does the project proposal apply research setting and methodology that enable to work with or within the society – not just for the society? | **Yes / No** |
| Does the project proposal apply for Seed Funding at least from Category 1? | **Yes / No** |
| **CRITERIA** | **SCORE** |
| **RELEVANCE**  In the planned project proposal, how many UNIC universities, UNIC cities, other public governments, NGOs or private businesses are involved in co-creation activities?  In the planned project proposal, how many other cities, governments, NGOs, and private businesses (**from** **other than UNIC** Cities, universities, and **locations**) are there to disseminate or exploit the approach co-created in the project?  Does the planned project proposal address one or more societal challenges included in the UNIC Cities’ Local Engaged Research Roadmaps?  Is the researcher/lead PI a non-traditional or under-represented scholar? Or is there an involvement of non-traditional scholars in the project proposal suggested and clarified by the lead PI? | **70 (Total)**  5 points per UNIC university, 5 points per UNIC city, 5 points per other city partners (max. 25 points)  5 points per partner (max. 15 points)  15 points  15 points (If the lead PI is non-traditional, the project proposal is awarded 15 points, if there is an involvement of non-traditional scholars, 5 points given per each non-traditional scholar) |
| **METHODOLOGY**  Does the project have a concrete research methodology? | **10 (Total)**  10 points |
| **IMPACT**  Has the PI selected a Horizon Europe, JPI-Urban Europe, AMIF or other similar external funding call, and is the call going to be open within nine months duration of the seed fund? | **10 (Total)**  10 points |
| **EFFICIENCY**  Has the project proposal development application proposed an efficient, concrete budget plan and timeline? | **10 (total)**  10 points |

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