

## HORIZON EUROPE PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL SUMMARY

### CALL ID

HORIZON-CL6-2021-BIODIV-01-07: Ecosystems and their services for an evidence based policy and decision-making

### EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND SCOPE CONTRIBUTION

Depending on the structure of the project, the UCILeR research team can be responsible for one Work Package or collaborate with transversal activities in different WP. The contributions of the UCILeR research team can cover:

- Thorough explanation of the legal obligation to use ES tools in decision making at the European Union level and at the level of the Member States: sources and extent.
- Legal strength and legal effects of the 2020 Mapping and assessment of ecosystems and their services (MAES) Report S.
- Inventory and critical assessment of European directives and regulations where ES reasoning must be applied
- Additional inventory of European directives and regulations where ES reasoning may be applied
- Identification and drafting the amendments necessary for existing EU directives and regulations to incorporate mandatory consideration of ES
- Drafting a proposal of a new directive on benefits for ES as a legality condition on decisions relating with EU law and an indicator of compliance with EU law.
- Developing or collaborating in case studies: 3 examples of environmental decision-making processes - strategic assessment, environmental impact assessment, environmental permitting – with different outcomes depending on the consideration of ES (provisioning, regulation and support, cultural).
- Legal support for reports on how to translate ES into soft or hard law instruments.

### ABOUT US

University of Coimbra Institute for Legal research (UCILeR) has a centenary tradition of research within the Faculty of Law, that in the current times performs advanced research in cutting edge legal issues to develop legal strategies and improve innovative tools to deal with the most pressing societal challenges. UCILeR integrates 80 researchers dedicated to develop interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, by fostering applied research and establishing partnerships with world-renowned research centres.

The UCILeR develops future-oriented research focused on a tripartite motto «vulnerability/plurality/undecidability» applied to the legal dimensions of burning subjects such as artificial intelligence, fin tech, circular economy, health law, robotics and automation, regulatory sand boxes or ecosystem services approach.

#### Involvement in International Projects

Alexandra Aragão is the Principal Investigator in the [JUST-SIDE Network](#). Justicia, Sostenibilidad y Territorio-Sistemas de Infraestructuras de Datos Espaciales is funded by CYTED (Programa

Iberoamericano de Ciencia y Tecnología para el Desarrollo) and it counts with partners from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain, and Uruguay. The JUST-SIDE network aims to carry out a legal analysis of territorial, environmental and social data from a geo-spatial visualization in order to obtain information on socio-environmental injustices that can serve as a scientific basis for the adoption or correction of public policies.

Dulce Lopes is the researcher leading the collaboration of UCILeR within the H2020 Project “[FIREURISK - Developing a holistic, risk-wise strategy for European wildfire management](#)”. As a third party, UCILeR will be responsible to establish the connections between legal aspects and the risk management related to forests, drawing the experience from other national funded projects on forests and fire prevention, such as House Refuge and Interface Segura.

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