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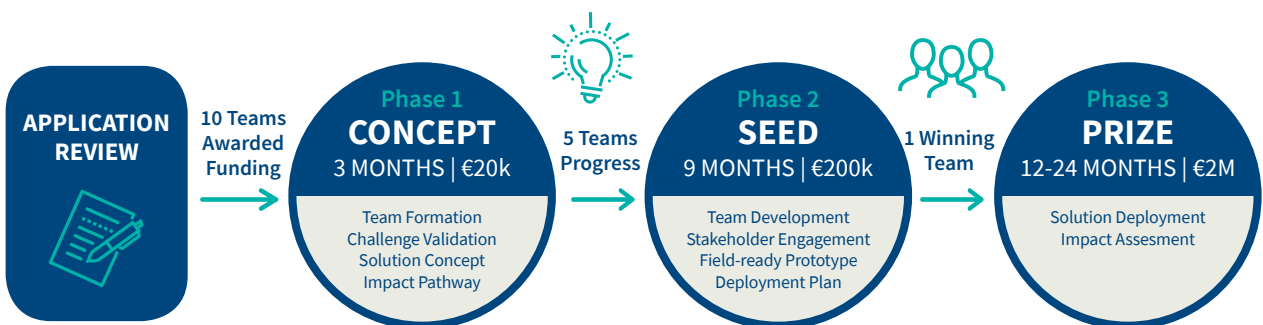
Plastics Challenge

Science Foundation Ireland is inviting research teams to **compete for a €2M prize award** to develop innovative STEM-led solutions that will enable the sustainable use of plastics in a circular economy. It is expected that applications will address challenges in the following areas:

- Remove:** challenges associated with removing polluting plastics from value chains, waste streams or the environment;
- Replace:** challenges associated with making plastic usage sustainable, such as novel feedstocks or alternative materials;
- Recover:** challenges associated with recovering value from end-of-life plastics, such as depolymerization, upcycling or recycling

Under this call, selected teams will progress through several phases to compete for an overall €2M prize award. The winning team must successfully demonstrate sufficient progress toward development of a STEM-based solution to a challenge with potential for transformative impact. The prize will enable the winning team to develop and deploy their solution.

There are three phases to the programme - **Concept, Seed and Prize Award**:



Through our partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, additional teams may be funded that focus on delivering impact in countries where Ireland's official development assistance is directed.

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