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FURNACE FOR THE FUTURE PROJECT: FINAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED

The European Container Glass Industry submitted the final application to the EU Innovation Fund on 23rd June 2021. A decision is expected by the end of November.

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The Furnace for the Future was selected in March 2021 as one of the top 70 projects from 311 applications submitted for the EU Innovation Fund ⁽¹⁾, one of the world's largest funding programmes for the demonstration of innovative, low-carbon technologies. As part of the process, the industry has now submitted a more detailed second-stage application.

"As we enter the second phase of the Innovation Fund application, we remain convinced that this project will greatly contribute to further expanding the leading role of sustainable glass packaging. The support from public institutions and from our value chain partners has been much appreciated in this process", comments Vitaliano Torno, FEVE President. *"Excellent collaboration across the industry and a broad level of expertise from all partner companies have further advanced the project. Glass is endlessly recyclable and ensures quality no matter how many times it is recycled. It preserves the taste and safety of the foods and beverages it protects."*, adds the FEVE President.

The Furnace for the Future project is a breakthrough technology, which will enable the industry to switch to renewable electricity and cut CO₂ emissions by up to 60% in the furnace (50% across the whole factory). More details on the Furnace for the Future project are available on the FEVE website ⁽²⁾.

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- ⁽¹⁾ The EU Innovation Fund will provide EUR 10 billion of support over 2020-2030 for the commercial demonstration of innovative low-carbon technologies, aiming to bring industrial solutions to decarbonise Europe to the market, and support its transition to climate neutrality.
- ⁽²⁾ You can find more information on the Furnace for the Future on the FEVE website <https://feve.org/about-glass/furnace-for-the-future/>

About FEVE

FEVE is the Federation of European manufacturers of glass containers for food and beverage and flacons for perfumery, cosmetics and pharmacy markets. Its members produce over 80 billion glass containers per year. The association has some 60 corporate members belonging to over 20 independent corporate groups. Their 150 manufacturing plants are located across 23 European States and support 125.000 direct and indirect jobs along the total supply chain. See more at www.feve.org.

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