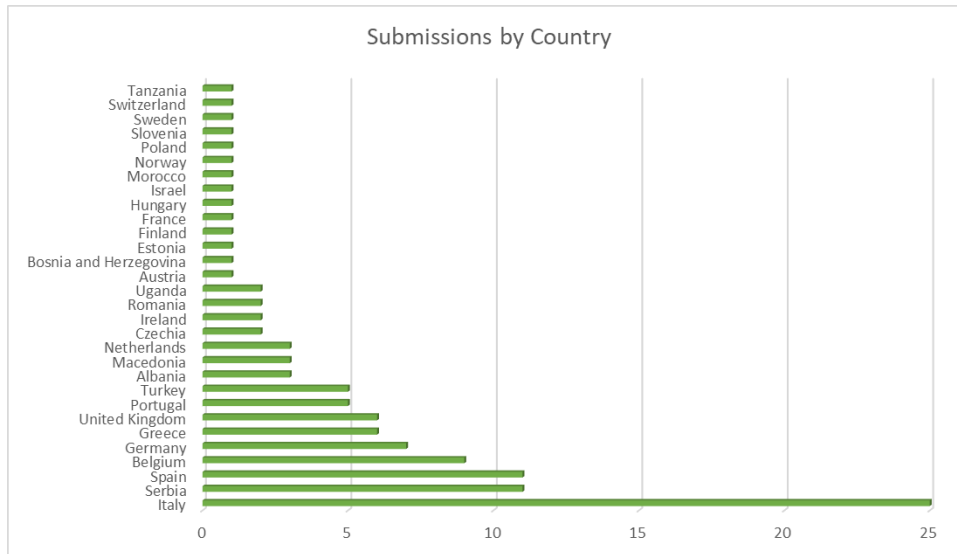


## Results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Open Call

The first round of the ACTION open call opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2019, with a total of six successful projects joining the ACTION accelerator in February 2020. We received a total of 116 submissions from 30 countries. We received the highest number of applications from Italy with 25 applications, followed by Serbia and Spain with 11 applications each. A breakdown of the submissions by country can be seen in the table below.



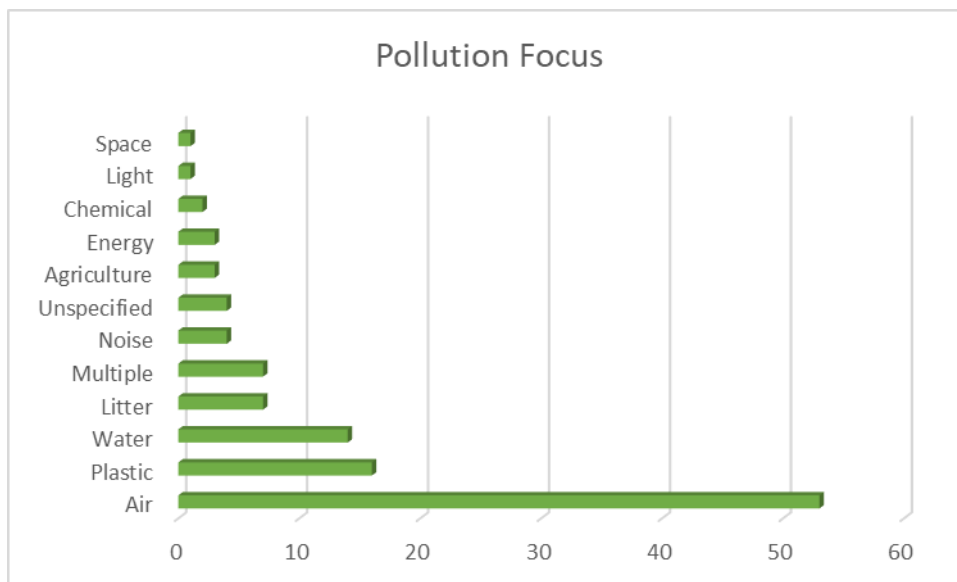
Applications closed at 12 noon CET on the 30th of October 20219 and we immediately began the eligibility check. Unfortunately, we had to reject 22 submissions at this stage as they contravened the criteria set out for the call in our guide for applicants. Most commonly, applications consisted of more than the 4 pages allowed in the short proposal template.

Reason for ineligibility	Number of applications
Over length	11
Incomplete	1
Duplicate	1
Ineligible (third) country	4
Irrelevance for call	2
Over budget	1
Fraudulent application	1
Attempted submission after call closure	3

After completing this eligibility check, it was time for reviewing to begin. Each application was reviewed by two members of our panel, consisting of the ACTION team and a number of external experts. The applications were of a high calibre and it was very difficult to decide which should be shortlisted. Out of the 94 applications, we interviewed the 28 with the highest scores from the reviewers and ultimately accepted 6 to join the accelerator (see the list of the funded pilots at the end of this document).

Outcome	Number of Applications
Submitted	116
Ineligible	22
Eligible and reviewed	94
Rejected prior to interview	66
Shortlisted for interview	28
Rejected after interview	22
Successful applicants	6

Applications covered a diverse range of topics and tasks, in a wide variety of countries. Air pollution was by far the most popular topic, with 53 applications monitoring air pollution – almost half of all applications.



To help everyone with the application process, we held a [series of webinars](#). These were a great opportunity for us to explain in more detail how the call works and to hear and answer everyone’s questions about the call. 30 potential applicants joined us for the webinars and the recordings received 90 views on the ACTION website.

Date of Webinars	Registration	Attendance	Views
20th August	8	4 (50%)	65
17th September	24	9 (38%)	24
8th October	26	17 (65%)	1
Total	58	30	90

The following 6 pilots have been financed by the 1<sup>st</sup> Open Call:

[CitiComPlastic](#)

[In my backyard](#)

[NOISE MAPS](#)

[Sonic Kayaks](#)

[Water for Future](#)

[WOW Nature](#)

We invite you to have a look at their activities at the dedicated pages on the ACTION website.