

EACP Sustainable Innovation Award

“SMEs and Start-Ups in the transition to green aviation through disruptive innovation”

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1. Foreword

The [European Aerospace Cluster Partnership](#) (EACP) is a network of 45 European aerospace clusters from 18 different regions that aims to develop and realize concrete long-term trans-national cooperation between clusters and companies for a stronger and more competitive European supply chain in the world aerospace market.

The EACP represents the interests of more than 5.000 SMEs throughout the European continent, fostering collaboration and awareness in the EU institutions. In this context, the EACP recognizes the potential of SMEs and Start-Ups in the transition of the aviation industry towards green aviation, thanks to their agile nature and the disruptive technological innovations they provide.

Thus, in the framework of this year’s ILA Berlin, the EACP wants to celebrate its members awarding a price to the most disruptive SME or Start-Up with regard to the green transition. The aim of such an event is to highlight the importance of the supply chain in the way towards clean technologies and processes, raising the awareness amongst industrial and political stakeholders.

The winning companies will have the opportunity to present their product in front of an expert audience on Wednesday 22nd June, 2022 on the ISC stage at ILA Berlin. Further prizes will be distributed between the first 3 positions.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible for the EACP Sustainable Innovation Award are any SMEs and Start-Ups, which are official members of one of the 45 EACP associated clusters. The EU definition of [SME](#) and Start-Up applies to this point.

Their membership has to be confirmed throughout an official document stating the affiliation prior to January 1st, 2022.

3. Evaluation Criteria

Topic	Criteria	%	Points
Green	Relevance of the product (timeliness; tackled issue)	15%	0-15
Green	Contribution to the preservation of resources and the environment, respectively to sustainability	25%	0-25

Disruption	Contribution to the change of processes, procedures, products and services	20%	0-20
Disruption	Degree of innovation (to what extent an innovation compared to already existing processes, products, etc.)	20%	0-20
Readiness	Maturity of the product(s)/service(s) (in perspective of the application possibilities on the market based on the current stage of development)	15%	0-15
Presentation	How the product(s)/service(s) has been presented throughout the whole application process (with regard to the form and ways of presentation)	5%	0-5
TOTAL		100%	0-100

4. Participation & Selection Mode

Eligible participants have to undergo the following selection process in order to participate in the EACP Sustainable Innovation Award.

1. Eligible candidates have to be proposed by one of the 45 EACP affiliated clusters, taking into consideration the eligibility criteria. Each of the 45 EACP affiliated clusters can propose no more than 1 (one) eligible candidate.
2. The proposed candidates have to send in to the EACP coordination:
 - a. the Evaluation sheet
 - b. the proof of affiliation to an EACP Member Cluster
3. Deadline for the submission of these documents is **Friday 29th April, 2022 23:00 CEST**.
4. The evaluation of the provided documents will be undertaken by a jury, which will take into account the evaluation criteria previously set up.
5. The results of the evaluation process will be communicated by **Friday 27th May, 2022**.
6. The participants winning the first three places will be invited to the award ceremony on **Wednesday 22nd June, 2022**, at the ILA Berlin.

5. Awards

The prizes for the first three positions will be distributed as follows:

1st Place:

- Free booth at ILA Berlin.
- Free access to the B2B matchmaking event in International Suppliers Center (ISC) at ILA Berlin. Pitch of the winning product or service during the award ceremony in front of an expert audience and possible investors.
- Pitch of the winning product or service in the [European Business Angels Network](#) (EBAN).
- Pitch of the winning product or service at [Airtec Munich 2022](#) as EACP Award winner.
- Price money depending on external partners (TBD).

2nd Place:

- Free access to the B2B matchmaking event in International Suppliers Center (ISC) at ILA Berlin.
- Pitch of the winning product or service during the award ceremony in front of an expert audience and possible investors.
- Pitch of the winning product or service in the [European Business Angels Network](#) (EBAN).
- Pitch of the winning product or service at [Airtec Munich 2022](#) as EACP Award runner up.
- Price money depending on external partners (TBD).

3rd Place:

- Free access to the B2B matchmaking event in International Suppliers Center (ISC) at ILA Berlin.
- Pitch of the winning product or service during the award ceremony in front of an expert audience and possible investors.
- Pitch of the winning product or service in the [European Business Angels Network](#) (EBAN).
- Price money depending on external partners (TBD).