

The Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)

proudly announces



Innovation competition and boot camp for Youth









EMUNI

- Established in **2008** as one of the 6 priority areas of the **Union for the Mediterranean.**
- Organized as an international organization/University, focusing both on postgraduate study programmes and collaborative education and research projects.
- A network of more than 140 members from 33 Euro-Med countries – educational, research and international institutions.
- Of great significance in terms of foreign policy a platform for intercultural dialogue and science diplomacy.





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Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia

EuroMed University of Fes (UEMF)



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Who Can Apply?





Eligibility Criteria

Age: 18-35 years at the time of application

Resident in one of the Euro-Mediterranean countries With at least a high school diploma

Higher Education Student (under or post-graduate) or on a job

With a novel idea or invention that can eventually be commercialised

Must be the sole owner of the idea or assigned by the co-owners to solely present and develop it

The idea can be converted to a functional prototype in maximum 3 months

Innovation addressing one of these 3 thematic areas:

- Health
- Renewable Energy
- Environment, including Climate Change

Good command of English
Language



IDEA or INVENTION

Novel, differentiated from existing products

At one of these stages of the Innovation cycle: idea – proof of concept - prototype

Addressing one of the 3 areas:

Health, Renewable Energy or Environment

Not necessarily patented, but would be a plus

Described in detail supported by schematic diagrams, info-graphics, literature articles...etc (as attachemnts)



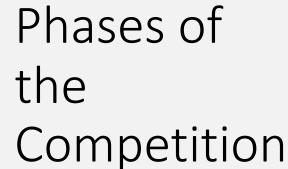
PROTOTYPE

Novel, differentiated from existing products
Already developed or will be later developed during the workshop
State clearly the target or end users
Applications: Health, Renewable Energy or Environment
Feasible to develop in no more than 3 months
Described in detail supported by schematic diagrams, info-graphics, literature articlesetc (as attachemnts)





Application & Screening





Online Pitching (Heats)



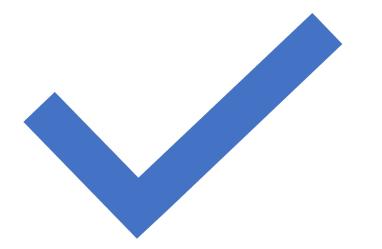
The Workshop



The Finale



Application and Screening



- Applications will only be accepted via the dedicated application form on EMUNI website and within the specified deadline
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts for their novelty, applicability and feasibility of implementation within the available timeframe
- Short-listed candidates will be invited to the next phase
- Deadline for Application is Friday 3 February 2023





➤ Short listed candidates will pitch their ideas via an online platform in front of a Jury of experts in the different fields of their innovation. They will respond to questions of the jury members, who will evaluate their ideas and select the most innovative and appropriate to benefit from the workshop.

Time frame: from mid to end of February 2023

The Workshop



- ➤ The contestants will be invited to travel to Slovenia &/or Morocco to be hosted in the workshop facility at EMUNI, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia or the EuroMed University of Fes, Morocco).
- ➤ During the period of 10 weeks, they will receive technical assistance and mentorship from subject matter experts, experienced engineers, product developers & designers and innovation experts. They will compete against each other through multiple elimination stages.

SAll travel and accommodation expenses and the expenses of mentoring and building the prototypes will be assumed by EMUNI

Time frame: from March 20th to June 2nd 2023

Elimination Stages



Proof of Concept

Engineering

Prototyping/testing

Customer Validation

Each competition phase will last a few weeks. Supported by mentors, the contestants will attempt to achieve the pre-set goals of each phase. The best achievers will be selected to proceed to the next phase.

The Finale



- ➤ This is a **live event** organised about one week after the last stage. Around 3-4 finalists are prepared for the event through training on marketing and pitching their prototypes/products to a wider audience by marketing and communication experts.
- ➤ The event will be attended by on-site audience, including the mentors, representatives of the partner institutions and other invitees. In addition, the event will be live streamed on Youtube and other media.
- ➤ The final scores and ranking of the contestants will be awarded 50% by the jury and 50% by the audience (on-site and remote) voting.

Time frame: 8-9 June at EMUNI premises in Slovenia



INFORMATON WEBINAR 25 January 2023 @ 11.00 CET

Have Questions or need more info?

Register for the online session



Reminder: Application deadline is February 3, 2023

