



ENI AWARD 2026

Energy Frontiers Prize *Ideas for the energy of the future*

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Eni is a global energy company operating in a responsible way towards its stakeholders in more than sixty countries along the entire value chain. Eni concretely supports a just energy transition for a net-zero carbon future, with the objective of preserving our planet and promoting an efficient and sustainable access to energy for all, respecting society and world's ecosystems. To this end, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) determined by the UN represent a target and a guiding reference for managing its business and its activities in all those Countries in which Eni operates. Along this path, Eni has committed to becoming a leading company in the production and sale of decarbonised energy products and fosters several scientific research projects on renewable energy, hydrogen, CCUS, energy efficiency, energy storage and circular economy.

Eni invests in people and their empowerment, recognizing diversity as a key value for human development. Since 2008 Eni has been granting the Eni Award, aimed to promote and reward scientific research and technological innovation in the fields of energy and the environment. Special care will be devoted to applications promoting the use of breakthrough, experimental and innovative technologies, processes and tools, enabling a holistic perspective in research and contributing to the sustainable development goals.

1) Aims

The **Energy Frontiers** Prize is one of the six sections of the Eni Award, composed of the *Advanced Environmental Solutions*, *Energy Transition*, *Young Researcher of the Year*, *Young Talents from Africa Prizes* and *"Eni for Innovation" Recognition*. The purpose of the *Energy Frontiers* Prize is to promote **disruptive ideas** in the field of **new energy sources, renewable energies** and related processes aimed to **change the energy paradigm of the future** and to achieve the **decarbonization of the energy systems**, with particular attention to energy management and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

2) Object of the Prize and evaluation criteria

The Prize is awarded to the researcher or group of researchers who have come up with disruptive ideas by demonstrating advances in research, development and innovation of technologies, in a long term perspective, within the following domains:

- New energy sources;
- Renewable energies;
- Technologies, materials and innovative processes for energy and hydrogen production;

- Technologies, materials and innovative processes for energy transportation/transmission;
- Ideas for energy management;
- Energy storage.

The following elements will be considered in the assessment of the Candidatures:

- The scientific relevance and the **innovation level** of the proposal;
- **Potential fields** of application;
- **Time horizon** of application;
- The contribution to identify solutions for achieving the sustainable development goals (**SDGs**) and a **circular economy**-based approach;
- The **socio-economic and environmental impacts** of the proposal, even in a long-term perspective;
- The use of innovative technologies, processes and experimental tools, enabling a **holistic perspective** of the proposal.

The results must have been achieved within a period of up to **ten (10) years** prior to the date of this Official Announcement.

3) The Prize

The Prize consists in: i) a customized plaque, ii) an indivisible sum¹ of €200,000 (Two hundred thousand Euros), and iii) direct provision by Eni of a) travel tickets roundtrip, b) transfers and c) board and lodging expenses for up to 2 overnight stays, for the winners and maximum one accompanying person in order to participate to the Prize-Giving Ceremony.

The Prize will be awarded to the winners, proclaimed by the Organizing Committee within July 2026.

An Official Prize-Giving Ceremony to award the winning Candidate will be held in Italy tentatively during the second semester of the year following the publication of the Official Announcement.

4) Application procedures and deadlines

Candidatures to the *Energy Frontiers* Prize shall compulsorily enclose the scientific publications containing the research proofs and results (see Point 7 of Application Form).

Double Candidatures are also admitted, meaning that a maximum of two (2) main authors may compete together. The Candidate(s) must be corresponding author(s) of at least one of the abovementioned scientific publications.

Furthermore, it is required and mandatory for each Candidate to submit at least three (3) reference letters in order to complete the application. A maximum amount of five (5) reference letters will be allowed for each Candidature; of these letters, no more than two may be sent from the same country.

The letters shall be compulsorily written in English, refer explicitly to the Eni Award, be dated and be signed by authoritative members of the academic, scientific or business community.

Only letters that certify the scientific value, innovation level and potential applicability of the submitted research proposal will be considered. At least one paragraph of such letters shall be devoted to the description of the results achieved by the Candidate in the preceding ten (10) years, in order to describe their career with focus on this specific period of time.

The letters shall be sent by email to the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat or uploaded to the website as per the procedure hereby described within the deadline stated by this Official Announcement.

The same Candidature may be submitted for a maximum of three (3) times, provided that the Candidate explains the reasons of the resubmission, including detailed and convincing information enabling to identify the scientific,

¹ In case of ex-aequo and/or of double Candidatures, the Prize will be equally divided between the winners.

technical and practical progress of their research. Submission of the same Candidature for two (2) consecutive editions is allowed: in this case the third and last submission shall be presented not earlier than three (3) years after the second submission (e.g. if applied in EA 2024 and EA 2025, last resubmission will be allowed from EA 2028). The abovementioned progress of the research shall be properly demonstrated (providing new publications, reference letters, certificates by a third party, etc.): specifically, endorsements obtained for previous editions may be resubmitted, provided that the letters of reference have been issued within the past three years. Compliance with these requirements and the eligibility of the proposal will be evaluated in advance by the Eni Award Initial Selection Committee and the Scientific Commission.

The deadline for the presentation of the Candidatures to the *Energy Frontiers* Prize falls on **November 14th, 2025** no later than **midnight (12 am) CET (Central European Time)**.

In order to submit an application, the Candidate shall also declare that she/he has read and is aware of the "Eni Code of Ethics" and of the "Anti-Corruption Management System Guideline" adopted by Eni, available on the website www.eni.com (Governance section), and that she/he shares the principles contained therein and undertakes to ensure full compliance with them.

Application information is available on the website: <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html>. To participate, it is necessary to use the editable version of the application forms which the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat contact person (from now on: contact person) will provide upon opening the Candidate's personal account on the web platform. The access to the **private area** must be requested to the Secretariat. The documents must be sent as follows:

1. The **Application Form** and the **CV Form are compulsory** and shall be either uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area or sent to the contact person's e-mail address or to eniaward@feem.it.
2. **A copy of the most relevant publications** (in .pdf files) regarding the results of the research (as requested at Point 7 of the Application Form), as well as the **reference letters** shall be compulsorily uploaded on the Eni Award Candidates private area or sent by e-mail to the contact person's address or to eniaward@feem.it.
3. **A copy of the selected patents and/or patents application** (up to three, as described at Point 8 of the Application Form) can also be optionally sent by e-mail (in .pdf files) to the contact person or to eniaward@feem.it.
4. Following the submission of all the application's documents, a file named **Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, containing the main data of the Candidature, will be provided to each Candidate. The aforesaid file must be duly checked and signed by the Candidate and sent by e-mail to the contact person or to eniaward@feem.it before and no later than the deadline defined by this Official Announcement.

Please note that, after the first upload of the application material on the Candidates private area of the Eni Award platform, any new version of the Candidature documents shall be sent by e-mail to the contact person, who will update the application material onto the platform.

The formal confirmation of the acceptance of the Candidature will be sent by email by the Secretariat after the receipt of the properly **signed Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, as provided by art. 4.3.

5) Selection of the Candidatures

The Eni Award Scientific Commission shall examine and select the work of the Candidates that have been accepted and shall present the name of the chosen winner of the *Energy Frontiers* Prize to the Eni Award Organizing Committee by May 2026.

6) Regulations

The Eni Award and this Official Announcement are submitted to the Eni Award Regulations, approved by the Organizing Committee. The text is available on the website: <https://www.eni.com/en-IT/innovation-technologies/eni-award.html>.

7) Contact details

The candidate will be assigned a contact person of the Eni Award Scientific Secretariat, who will assist her/him during the whole application process. The Candidate may send all documents and communications to this contact person's email address.

The official address of the Secretariat is: eniaward@feem.it.

The Secretariat headquarters are located at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Corso Magenta 63, 20123, Milan.

8) Privacy and Personal Data Protection

Eni will process personal data supplied in the context of the Eni Award as an independent data controller, in full compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("GDPR"). In application of Article 12(1) GDPR, Eni provides an adequate privacy notice (Annex 1 of the Eni Award Regulations). Further information is available in the Eni Award Regulations.

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