



ENI AWARD 2027

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 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:

- Renewable energies;

- Nuclear energy (including fusion)
- Technologies, materials and processes for sustainable energy production;
- Technologies, materials and processes for sustainable energy transportation/transmission;
- Technologies, materials and processes for sustainable energy utilization;
- Technologies, materials and processes for sustainable hydrogen production, transportation, utilization and storage;
- 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 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 2027.

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 Section 3 of Application Form). The Candidate must be corresponding author of at least one of the abovementioned scientific publications.

Furthermore, it is required and mandatory to submit **at least three (3) reference letters** in order to complete the application. A **maximum** amount of **five (5)** reference letters is 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.

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

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.

Double Candidatures are admitted, meaning that a maximum of two (2) main authors may apply jointly. In such cases, the CV Form, the publications and the reference letters shall refer to both main authors. Furthermore, both Candidates must be corresponding authors of at least one of the abovementioned scientific publications.

The **same Candidature may be submitted for a maximum of three (3) times**, provided that the Candidate explains the reasons for the resubmission, including detailed and convincing information enabling to identify the scientific, 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 2025 and EA 2026, last resubmission will be allowed from EA 2029). 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 submission of the complete candidature package** for the *Energy Frontiers* Prize falls on **November 20th, 2026** no later than **5pm CET (Central European Time)**.

In order to submit an application, the Candidate shall also declare that they have read and are aware of the "Eni Code of Ethics" and of the ECG Policy "Anti-Corruption" adopted by Eni, available on the website www.eni.com (Governance section), and that they share 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>. Participation requires the use of the editable application forms made available upon opening the candidate's personal account on the Eni Award web platform. Access to the private area and account activation must be requested from the Secretariat at the following e-mail address: eniaward@feem.it. An Eni Award Scientific Secretariat contact person (hereinafter referred to as the "contact person") will be assigned. Please note that in case of a Double Candidature, due to technical reasons, the account for the web platform will be opened with the name and email address of one of the two authors, as designated by the candidates.

The following **application documents** are **mandatory** and shall be either uploaded by the Candidate to their private area or sent by e-mail to their contact person, who will proceed to the upload on their behalf, after a check of formal correctness and completeness:

1. **Application Form**;
2. **CV Form**;
3. Copy of the most relevant **publications** (in .pdf files) regarding the results of the research (minimum one – maximum five peer-reviewed publications, as requested at Section 3 of the Application Form). Such publications must be submitted in the same numerical order in which they are listed in the Application Form;
4. **Reference Letters** (in .pdf files).

Please note that, once the application documents have been uploaded to the private area of the Eni Award platform for the first time, any subsequent revisions must be sent by e-mail to the contact person, who will update the relevant documents on the platform.

The following documents are **optional** and shall be sent to the contact person's e-mail address:

1. Copy of the selected **patents** and/or patents application (up to three, in .pdf files, as described at Section 5 of the Application Form);
2. A **graphical abstract** of the research proposal (in .pptx, .jpeg or .pdf files).

Upon submission of all application documents, a file entitled **Summary of the Candidature Proposal**, containing the main details of the candidature, will be made available to each Candidate. The Candidate shall duly review and sign such file and send it by e-mail to the contact person by no later than the deadline established in this Official Announcement.

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**.

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 2027.

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 them 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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