



## ENI AWARD 2024 "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" Prize

# CALL

Eni is a global energy company present in sixty-nine countries, acting responsibly towards its stakeholders along the entire value chain. Eni firmly supports a socially just energy transition for a carbon-neutral future, with the aim of preserving our planet and promoting access to energy resources for all in an efficient and sustainable manner, pursuing an equitable energy transition while respecting society and local and global ecosystems. To this end, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations represent a common goal for Eni and a reference for its business operations in the countries where it operates.

Within this framework, Eni is committed to playing a leading role in the production and sale of decarbonised energy products and to promoting numerous scientific research projects in the fields of renewable energy, hydrogen, CCUS, energy efficiency, energy storage and the circular economy.

Since 2008, Eni has presented the Eni Award to reward and promote research and technological innovation in the field of energy and the environment. Particular attention is given to solutions that promote cutting-edge technologies, increased access to energy for developing countries, and the use of digital tools such as IoT, machine learning and big data management that can strengthen and accelerate technological development.

As of 2022, Eni - through Joule, its School of Entrepreneurship - created an additional prize, the **Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship**, to foster the application, enhancement and transfer of technologies in the energy transition field, helping to develop a sustainable innovation ecosystem.

## 1) Purpose of the prize

The "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" prize has the aim of promoting innovative and sustainable entrepreneurship in the field of decarbonisation of processes and products, the circular economy, the fight against climate change, in order to contribute to the energy transition and foster the Country's socio-economic development.

## 2) Subject of the prize and evaluation criteria

The award consists of three (3) prizes for teams, university spin offs, startups that have developed or are developing innovative, sustainable - not only economically, but also environmentally and socially - and high-tech entrepreneurial projects with the potential to contribute to the energy transition and the country's socio-economic development.

In assessing the applications submitted, the following aspects in particular will be taken into account:

- expertise of the applicant team;
- innovativeness of the proposed solution and level of technological development;
- market potential;
- prospects for long-term environmental and social value creation.



## 3) The Prize

The winning projects will be pre-selected by an Eni Pre-Assessment Commission (the "Eni Commission") and then evaluated by a special external commission (the "External Commission") for further details, please refer to the award regulations <u>https://www.eni.com/en-IT/media/events/eni-award.html</u>. The External Commission will select the winners by July 2024.

The Prize consists of a personalised silver plaque and the direct payment by Eni, for the benefit of a maximum of two members of each winning team, of i) travel services to get to Rome, ii) transfers necessary for the above participation, iii) accommodation during the ceremony for a maximum of two nights (the above also referred to as the "Prize").

The silver plaques will be presented in Rome in an official ceremony in 2024 in the presence of the President of the Republic Sergio Mattarella and Eni's top management.

#### 4) Methods and deadlines for submitting applications

Applications for the Eni Joule Prize for Entrepreneurship must be accompanied by a pitch deck, i.e. a presentation summarising the business plan and providing an overview of the entrepreneurial project in line with the aspects listed in point 2 (Subject of the prize and evaluation criteria).

The application form is available at the following link and must be submitted as follows:

• The pitch deck and CV of each team member must be sent to the Prize Management Body (hereinafter the "Management Body") via the dedicated platform at the following link <u>https://eni.brightidea.com/EniJouleforEntrepreneurship2024</u> from 15 February 2024.

The deadline for applications for the "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" prize is 22 March 2024. Within two weeks of 22 March 2024, the Management Body will email candidates confirmation of formal acceptance of their application.

#### 5) Selection of applications

Applications will first be evaluated by the Eni Commission, which will assess the business projects received and propose a preliminary ranking to the External Commission, which will be entrusted with the final evaluation of the projects and the selection of the winners by July 2024.

The External Commission consists of up to five members selected by the Management Body from representatives of the national innovation ecosystem.

#### 6) Regulations

Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship and this call are governed by the Regulations available at the following link <u>https://www.eni.com/en-IT/media/events/eni-award.html</u>.

#### 7) Information and contacts

For information, please contact the Prize Management Body at domenica.surace@eni.com

#### 8) Personal data processing

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (hereinafter "GDPR"), Eni S.p.A., as autonomous data controller, will process the personal data provided by applicants for the purposes related to the participation, selection and awarding of the prize, as well as for the technical, administrative, operational and accounting management of this call.

More detailed information on the processing of personal data by Eni S.p.A. can be found in the Regulations, which every applicant must consult before participating in the call.

For the purposes indicated at point 5) and related to the selection of applicants, Eni S.p.A. may communicate the personal data provided by the applicants to external members of the Prize Management Body, who will process them as independent data controllers.