

STARTUP BOOSTER AT JEC WORLD 2026

STARTUP BOOSTER GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ITEM 1: SUBJECT

JEC a company organized in the legal form of a *société par actions simplifiée* (simplified joint stock company) with a share capital of 308,000 € having its registered office at 251, bd Pereire, 75017 Paris – France, registered with the Paris Commerce and Companies Registry under the number B 410 352 611, is the official organiser of JEC World 2025 Startup Booster Competition.

Startup Booster is leading startup competition in the World of Composites & Advanced Materials.

The competition is set up by JEC notably, in collaboration with partners from the composite materials' Industry (hereafter the "Partner(s)") and is set up with different categories.

JEC and its partners will review all submissions and will nominate the finalists to pitch at JEC World 2026 to a jury of venture capitalists, potential business partners & industry experts and JEC World audience.

JEC undertakes to organise the event and to facilitate the professional gathering and opportunities between the applicants and the Partners in each category. However, JEC shall not be held liable regarding the participation of the Partner(s) to the competition and/or each Specific Terms and Conditions, proper to each Partner and/or decisions taken by each jury in each category. JEC is not liable for the undertakings of each Partner vis à vis of the Applicant(s) and/or the Finalist(s) and/or the Winner(s), nor concerned or bearing any possible liability for the future or possible contractual or not contractual relationship(s) between the Partner(s) and the Applicant(s) and/or the Finalist(s) and/or the Winner(s). It is specified that the number of Partners collaborating on the competition is subject to change as well as the categories or the themes of the categories of the competition.

Startup Booster is open to all startups, entrepreneurs and universities' spinoffs from around the world, in the field of composites and advanced materials. Applying companies must:

- be available to attend JEC World 2026 if selected as "Finalist"
- be business ready: already launched or in beta
- have been founded less than 10 years ago
- have less than 30 employees
- have raised a maximum of 30M€

JEC reserves the right to request the justification documents.

ITEM 2: CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION AND APPLICATION FOR PRE-SELECTION

There is no additional cost for entering the startup competition.

Applicants should be working on projects related to

composites and advanced materials, in the fields of:

- Raw Materials
- Semi-finished materials
- Manufacturing processes
- Equipment
- Digital tools and smart services
- Circularity and recycling solutions

Entries should be submitted online before **October 27th, 2025**. After this date, no further entries will be considered. JEC cannot accept responsibility for lost entries due to internet and/or technical problems related to use of internet. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.

Applicants will fill a first step entry on JEC World website or alternatively on Sesamers' Platform. This entry will be reviewed internally to validate if the applicant meets the criteria of the competition (listed in Item 1).

If the criteria are met, the applicant will be notified to fill in the second step of the entry on JEC World website or alternatively on Sesamers' Platform.

If the application doesn't fit the criteria, the applicant will be notified and won't be able to fill in the second step of the entry.

By entering the competition, the Applicant:

- a) guarantees that he is the sole initiator together with possible co-authors and warrants that he holds all the rights for the presented projects and information related to the project, and that he does not harm any potentially involved third party's rights or anyone's private life or likeness, and that the project/idea does not infringe any law, especially copyright laws.
- b) recognizes that JEC may already have received ideas similar to those submitted and that these may be in development. JEC cannot be held liable towards the Applicants for infringement of intellectual property in ideas that are submitted either by themselves or by third parties.

JEC's Employees and Partners' employees as well as their family members or any of JEC's or Partners' affiliates or subsidiaries, are ineligible to be Applicants in Startup Booster.

JEC reserves the right to reject any written/visual idea or project should its content be perceived as deliberately interfering with honor human dignity, with third parties' rights, pornographic, racist, provocative, discriminatory or violent.

The submitted projects cannot be withdrawn from the competition once the application has been submitted, except in case of *force majeure*.

ITEM 3: PRE-SELECTION AND FINAL SELECTION PROCESS

3.1 PRE-SELECTION

JEC will transmit all applications that meet the conditions of participation, as specified in ITEM 2 above, to the Partners involved in the selection.

The Partners are industry experts in the materials, composites or investment area.

Each Partner will make a pre-selection of roughly 30 startups, according to the following main criteria:

- Viability of the business model
- Innovation and Impact on the Composites Industry
- Market potential & Traction
- Sustainability of the Innovation

However, Partners and JEC reserve the right to adapt this number depending on the quality of the projects received.

The pre-selected Applicant (hereafter "the Finalist") will be notified of his pre-selection in writing by JEC, at the latest on **December 15th, 2025**.

The pre-selection decisions are final and without appeal. By entering the competition, the Applicant agrees not to challenge the pre-selection decisions on any ground.

3.2 FINAL SELECTION PROCESS

The pitch sessions will take place during JEC World in Paris, France, from March 10 to 12, 2026.

There will be 2 pitching sessions taking place on March 10th (10 startups in the morning and 10 startups in the afternoon). The finalists will be notified of the time of their pitch in writing by JEC (after the selection)

JEC reserves the right to change the dates of the pitching session (between March 10 to 12, 2026).

The 20 Finalists will need to be present in Paris, (for example, for a company - a company representative, either the founder or managing director of the project), to present his project(s) during a public session(s) and to be judged by the jury of each category.

The 20 finalists will benefit of a free space in the Startup Booster Village of JEC World 2026.

The Finalists will be given 5 minutes to pitch and present their business model to JEC World audience and the jury, followed by 2 to 3 minutes of questions and answers between them and the jury.

The jury will be composed of high-profile professionals representing the industry, such as venture capitalists, potential business partners & industry executives.

The 3 winning startups will be announced at JEC World during a dedicated Awards ceremony on March 11th. The three winners will be selected by the jury (1 Grand Winner, 1 Runner-up, 1 Sustainability Award).

The selection decisions are final and without appeal. The Finalists agree not to challenge the selection decisions on any ground.

ITEM 4: PRIZES

There will be 3 winners who will receive a package including:

- A financial prize (5,000€ for the Grand Winner, 2,500€ for the Runner-up, 2,500€ for the Sustainability Award)
- A fully equipped booth at the JEC World 2027
- A trophy manufactured in Composite Materials
- A media package (advertising & interview on JEC Channels)

ITEM 5: APPLICANTS/FINALISTS OBLIGATIONS & BENEFITS

As specified in ITEM 3.2 above, to be judged in the final competition, the Finalist will need to be present in Paris, France, during JEC World between 10 & 12 March, 2026 in order to pitch to the jury during a public session, and be present on the Startup Village.

The Finalists will be responsible for accommodation, flights and expenses on site and other costs and expenses of attending and participating in all aspects of the event.

ITEM 6: CLAIMS

The winners are authorised to mention their Startup Booster 2026 recognition in their promotional activities.

It is recalled that JEC World 2026 is a communication and promotion event for composites materials professionals, the Finalist and/or the winner hereby authorises JEC and their representatives (and guarantees that it has been authorised to that end by possible co-authors or third parties) to record directly or indirectly the public sessions with the presentation of the project(s). For the same purposes, the Finalist and/or the winner also authorises JEC to reproduce and communicate the same to the public by any means, and on all media for the purposes of communicating on JEC World 2026 and/or Startup Booster, especially on the www.iec-world.events website.

Accordingly, the Finalist having transmitted a link to the video(s) of his projects(s) expressly authorises JEC, should the need arise, to use worldwide these short clips for the presentation of Startup Booster and for promotional purposes during the Startup Booster pitch platform, and for a term of two years thereafter, by any means and any format whatsoever, including, without limitation, electronically, via Internet (being specified that JEC will not be held liable for uses of whatever nature that may be made by web surfers of the clips appearing on the websites, which may be JEC's websites or JEC partners' websites), magnetically, digitally, print, CD-Rom, audiotape, videotape, diskette and any other audio, audiovisual and/or multimedia support.

The Finalist accordingly authorises JEC to use his name and likeness and if necessary, that of its representative(s) present during the Startup Booster pitch platform.

To the same end, the Finalist also guarantees that JEC is authorised to freely use any of the logos, trademarks, title, extracts, data and information and other intangible rights and promotional items related to the project/ideas/pitches submitted to the

competition. The Finalist also authorises JEC to make broadcasts of excerpts of the videos lasting less than two minutes during regional or national radio programs, or on the website www.jecccomposites.com.

Information, including photographs, that is requested from the Applicant/Finalist is essential for entering into this competition and for access to the events. This material will be forwarded to third parties, including those companies of JEC has contracted for the purposes of implementing the competition and may be used, in this regard, on any media for dissemination relating to the event in question, including on the Internet, unless, in this latter case, there is an objection from the Applicant/Finalist concerning photographs. Through JEC, and except where there is an objection by the Applicant/Finalist, the latter may receive commercial offers or proposals from JEC and from other companies that are contractually linked to JEC. Pursuant to the Loi Informatique et Libertés du 6 janvier 1978 [French Law on Information Technology and Civil Liberties of 6 January 1978], the Applicant/Finalist may exercise, on application to the manager of the event, a right of access, of rectification and of opposition or objection as regards the personal information concerning him/her/it that is present on JEC's website and database(s).

The participants of JEC World and the Partners of the competition for which the Applicant has been registered may have access to such data. JEC cannot be held liable for the use that could be made of this data by the participants to the exhibition or the Partners. Any prospecting for purposes other than the above-mentioned is prohibited.

JEC reserves the right to have any disturbances caused by any here-mentioned prohibited use terminated by any means, including the disconnection of the Applicant/Finalist from the competition. This is without prejudice to any legal action that JEC may take in order to exercise its rights and of any damages to which JEC may be entitled as a result of such non- respect of the present provisions.

Registering and competing for JEC World Startup Booster 2026 implies full acceptance of the present Terms and Conditions.

No claims related to the pre-selection system, the selection of the winners, or any other aspects of the competition, will be accepted.

The CEO of JEC has the power to settle all cases not covered by the present Terms.

ITEM 7: MISCELLANEOUS

In the event of circumstances independent of JEC will and resulting in the impossibility of organising JEC World 2026, the Startup Booster pitch platform, the competition shall be cancelled without any indemnification whatsoever.

The present Terms and conditions are governed by French Law. FOR ANY DISPUTE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR PERFORMANCE OF THE PRESENT TERMS, THE COURTS HAVING JURISDICTION AT THE PLACE OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF JEC Group WILL SOLELY BE COMPETENT TO RULE ON THE MATTER, WHICH IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED BY THE PARTIES.