

“BAITE Innovation Award”

NANOVALBRUNA CHALLENGE FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY

REGULATION

By participating in the Challenge, the Candidate acknowledges having read and accepted these Regulations and to have fulfilled all the admissibility conditions described herein.

1. Developer and organizer of the Initiative

“BAITE Innovation Award” (here in after referred to as the “Initiative” or the “Challenge”) is conceived and promoted by ReGenerationHub Friuli, an association with registered office at 2/a Via Slataper, Udine, Italy (hereinafter referred to as the “Organizer”).

2. Recipients of the Challenge

Given the nature of the Challenge, the Initiative is primarily aimed at students, researchers, and aspiring entrepreneurs, in pre-established teams (with presence reserved to only two team members) or as individuals, all adults and hereinafter referred to as the "Participants". The Challenge is open to Participants of any nationality.

3. Aim

The aim is to identify innovative solutions that can have a positive impact within the macro areas indicated below (so-called **BAITE**).

- **Building** (e.g. heating, cement and concrete, energy saving, ...)
- **Agroecology and Climate Tech** (e.g. sustainable agriculture, bio-agriculture, biodynamics, carbon capture utilization and storage, ...)
- **Industry and Social Responsibility** (e.g. net-zero CO₂ emissions and low waste production, resource efficiency, social inclusion, ...)
- **Transport** (e.g. micromobility, batteries, fuels, sustainable tourism, ...)
- **Energy** (e.g. energy conversion, production and utilization of renewable energy, energy saving, ...)

4. Conditions of participation

Projects submitted by the Participants must meet a max TRL (Technological Readiness Level) corresponding to the "experimental proof of concept".

Applications that are incomplete, irregular or received after the deadlines shall be rejected.

The Organization reserves the right to verify their truthfulness by any means necessary.

The Organization reserves the right to modify or cancel the competition due to exceptional and unpredictable events beyond its control.

By registering for the Challenge, the Participant explicitly accepts these Rules and Regulations.

Any violation of the Rules and Regulations before or during the competition shall exclude the Participant from the competition.

5. Rules of Participation

The registration period for the Challenge opens on 1st February 2023 and closes on 31st May 2023. The Challenge will take place in Valbruna (UD - Julian Alps) in the period from 27th July to 1st August 2023.

Applications may be made by students, researchers, aspiring entrepreneurs and competitors of past editions.

The selected and admitted Candidates ("Participants") shall receive confirmation of their admission to the Initiative by e-mail, at the address shown on the application form, **by 10th June**.

Compulsory participation in the training workshops arranged by the Organizer, which will be held from 29th July to 1st August, is required. **Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the Initiative.**

The workshops can also be held in English.

Presentation of the project pitches will be in English.

Candidates acknowledge that participation is free of charge and that it does not entitle them to receive any compensation or form of payment whatsoever.

Candidates are aware that the information provided at the time of registration must be truthful and that any decision made by the Organization will be unconditionally accepted.

No expenses for participation in the Challenge shall be reimbursed by the Organization in any way, even in the event of exclusion following admission or in the event of withdrawal.

Costs for board and lodging during the aforementioned period, shall be borne by the Organization according to procedures that will be communicated to the Participants at the time of admission.

6. Evaluation of the proposals

Proposals submitted by the Candidates shall be selected and evaluated by an interdisciplinary Jury composed of a Commission chosen by the Organizer and consisting of experts in innovation, territorial development, and stakeholders.

The Jury will analyse and evaluate all the Proposals submitted by the Candidates according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Team skills and knowledge of the sector
- Product/Service development stage;
- Creativity and Innovativeness;
- Project feasibility;
- Competitive context and positioning;
- Correspondence to market needs and market size;
- Business potential of the idea;
- Completeness of the documentation submitted

7. Awards

The selected Candidates will be entitled to attend, free of charge, the NanoValbruna program dedicated to them consisting of training courses, meetings and discussions with experts in the sectors, as well as workshops relating to personal growth and START-up development. The training workshops will focus, mainly but not exclusively, on the following topics: business modelling, start-ups from birth to growth, investor research and management, patenting, and public speaking.

The winning Participant or Participants will receive €5,000 to be used to start the implementation of the Start-up project presented.

8. Code of conduct

Each participant undertakes to:

- Accept and comply with the Organizer's decisions
- Respect other Participants

- Avoid using expressions that incite violence, discrimination, obscenity, and/or defamation
- Avoid contents that are offensive, defamatory, vulgar; that violate privacy or are contrary to public decency and current legislation
- Avoid advertising and/or content of a political/ideological or religious nature
- Avoid infringing copyright, trademarks, or other reserved rights
- Comply with the legislation on the protection of personal data as well as the so-called Privacy Policy - EU Regulation 2016/679 ("GDPR") and subsequent amendments and/or integrations
- Comply with the safety regulations and rules of conduct laid down by the Organizer
- Use with the utmost care and diligence, and for the entire duration of the event, any materials and equipment made available to them.
- Avoid tampering with the registration process or the operation of the Initiative
- Avoid behaving in an inappropriate, unsportsmanlike manner and contrary to the interests of the peaceful and correct development of the Initiative

9. Responsibility

During activities requiring the presence of Participants, each Participant will be solely responsible for the equipment and personal effects brought to the places where the initiative takes place.

The Organizer cannot be held responsible in the event of theft, loss, damage to the equipment, and/or personal effects of a Participant.

Each Participant is solely responsible for the content of his/her project, therefore no responsibility shall be attributable, by third parties, to the Organizer, or to their collaborators, with reference to the content of the project.

Each Participant undertakes, as of now, to indemnify and hold the Organizer, as well as his/her collaborators, harmless against any claim, including compensation for damages, which may be made, for any reason whatsoever, in relation to the project presented by the Participant.

The Participant also undertakes to indemnify and hold the Organizer and his/her collaborators harmless against any claim, including compensation for damages, which may be made, for any reason, in relation to events that occurred during the initiative.

10. Intellectual property

The intellectual property of the final products developed during the Initiative shall remain the exclusive property of the Participant.

All names, trademarks, and other distinctive signs mentioned or reproduced on the website dedicated to the Challenge shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the respective authors.

The authors shall also have the exclusive right to reproduce and/or represent the work created. Unless otherwise authorized by the authors of the work, the reproduction and/or representation of the work or parts thereof is prohibited to third parties.

All data (including photographs and texts) made available to Participants, as well as to their potential collaborators, by the Organizer and/or collected by the Organizer during the Initiative, shall remain the exclusive property of the Organizer.

Each Participant undertakes to use such data in such a way that they remain distinct and divisible from the final products.

The Participants acknowledge that any communication, dissemination and/or publication of the projects presented as part of the Challenge via means and communication media that may be used for the promotion of the Challenge itself (even after its completion), involves the visibility of the projects presented to all Challenge Participants and to the community addressed by the communication actions.

The Organizer, as well as his/her collaborators, assumes no responsibility in the event of use and/or abuse of the idea or work, and/or its development and implementation, and/or the project relating to it, by anyone who may have become aware of it.

Participants waive the right to make any claim for damages and/or indemnity against the Organizers, as well as their collaborators, for any reason and/or cause whatsoever.

Participants are reminded that, pursuant to current legislation, by presenting the project to the public, the same shall no longer be qualified as innovative/original and hence the possibility of being patented.

11. Waiver to use images and publicizing the project proposals

Each Participant gives his/her consent and authorizes the Organizer, without any compensation being due in this regard, to acquire and record his/her own image and/or voice, by means of photos or videos, during the Initiative, also for promotional and advertising purposes.

This consent shall also be valid as an express waiver that the images and videos, also relating to the project proposals, may be exhibited, reproduced in digital form, transmitted, published online on web pages and social networks, modified in any way (and in any case used in connection with the Initiative and/or for promotional and advertising purposes), with express waiver of any right of approval on the final version.

12. General conditions

The Organizer of the Challenge reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Initiative, or any part thereof, in the event of a technical failure, or any other unforeseeable factor or factors beyond its control.

13. Reservation of rights

In addition to the provisions set out in the previous clauses, the Organizer reserves the right to:

- disqualify those who make bad use of the competition, carry out fraudulent acts, or harm other competitors;
- disqualify or even withdraw prizes automatically and without having to give any explanation, from any Participants who have benefited, either directly or indirectly from fraudulent actions;
- modify or add subsequent attachments and prizes to the Competition, where justified and provided that they are not detrimental to the Participants, by duly informing them in advance;
- cancel, modify or suspend the initiative in case of events beyond its control, by notifying the Participants and without the Participants being entitled to any right, compensation, or reimbursement for the cancellation, modification, or suspension;
- disqualify, at its sole discretion, any Participant who breaches these Rules and Regulations.

14. Confidentiality

As part of the Initiative, Participants may become aware of "Confidential Information" of strategic importance for the Organizer, with regard to which they accept and undertake to maintain the strictest confidentiality.

In particular, the Participants undertake:

- to keep strictly confidential and not to disclose and/or communicate to third parties, either in whole or in part, in written or verbal or graphic form or on magnetic media or in any other form, any "Confidential Information" transmitted by the Organizer, without the prior express written consent thereof;
- not to make use, in whole or in part, of any "Confidential Information" except exclusively and limitedly for the purpose of participating in the Initiative;
- to respect the obligation of confidentiality from the date of receipt of each piece of information until it has legitimately become of public domain.

Information that:

- is already in the public domain at the time of its communication, or becomes public at a later date;
- is already known to the Participant at the time of participation in the Challenge, the same being able to prove that such information was previously transmitted to him by a third party legitimately entitled to do so, and not bound by an obligation of confidentiality relating to the use or communication of such information;
- the Organizer has expressly authorized to disclose

shall not be considered as Confidential Information.

15. Processing of personal data - Privacy policy

Pursuant to articles 13 and 14 of EU Regulation 2016/679 - GDPR, the organization informs that the Participants' data, collected during registration and the subsequent phase of the Initiative, shall be processed solely for the purposes relating to the Initiative.

The Organizer, as an independent data controller, shall process the personal data of the Participants to enable their participation in the Initiative and to allow the implementation thereof.

Pursuant to art. 6.1. b) GDPR the processing of personal data is in fact lawful when it is necessary for the purpose of executing a contract to which the data subject, in this case, the Participant, is a party.

The Organizer shall also process the data of the Participants to prevent any attempt of fraud or violation of the Regulations or the law in force.

The Organizer shall keep the personal data in a form that allows the identification of the data subjects concerned for a period of time necessary to achieve the specific purposes of the processing, in compliance with regulatory obligations.

16. Disputes

Participation in the Challenge implies the unreserved acceptance of these Rules and Regulations by the Participants. Any disputes, of any kind, relating to these Rules and Regulations or to the Challenge, shall be decided at the discretion of the Organizer.

The Organizer, as well as its collaborators, shall not grant any exclusive right to the Participant. The Participant, therefore, shall waive any right, claim, or action based on the presence of one or more of its possible direct competitors among Participants in the Initiative.

The Organizer shall be the sole and final arbiter in all matters relating to the application of the Rules and Regulations, the Code of Conduct, and any exclusions from the competition.

17. Controversies

Any controversy that may arise in relation to these Rules and Regulations or the Challenge shall be referred to the decision of the competent authority at the Court of Udine, which has exclusive territorial jurisdiction.

18. Liability and indemnity

The Participant shall indemnify and hold the Organizer harmless, as well as any collaborators, from any damage, prejudice, loss, cost, expense (including legal expenses), or sanction that the Organizer may incur as a result of a claim or action by a third party based on the violation by the Participant of any of the conditions of these Rules and Regulations or on his/her negligent or wilful conduct.

19. IT Security

The Participant undertakes to ensure that any IT tools used in the context of the Challenge comply with the highest market safety standards and are equipped only and exclusively with original and duly licensed software components.

20. Acceptance of the regulation

Participation in the Challenge implies, on the part of each Participant, the full and unconditional acceptance of these Rules and Regulations.

Should one or more of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations prove null or otherwise invalid or ineffective, in whole or in part, any other provision shall retain full force and effect in order to safeguard the general economy of these Rules and Regulations.