



CELEBRATING EUROPE'S TOP INNOVATORS: WINNERS OF THE 2025 EIT INNOVATION AWARDS

Budapest, 25 November 2025 - The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 EIT Innovation Awards, honouring Europe's standout innovators and entrepreneurial talents. The ceremony took place today in Budapest, bringing together the EIT Awards, honouring Europe's most promising innovators and their breakthrough solutions, the EIT Jumpstarter Grand Finale, showcasing startups from the Regional Innovation Scheme countries, and the EIT Red Kalyna awards, recognising outstanding Ukrainian women innovators.

This year's finalists come from across Europe, representing breakthrough ideas related to climate change, sustainable energy, digital transformation, health, sustainable food, raw materials, manufacturing and urban mobility. They reflect the diversity of innovators from the EIT Community – from concepts coming out of university research to fast-growing ventures already making a market impact. Selected from hundreds of teams across Europe, the finalists show how the EIT turns talent and research into scalable solutions that strengthen Europe's innovation capacity, boost competitiveness, and deliver value and solutions for citizens.

Antoaneta Angelova Krasteva, Director at the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission, said: *'The EIT Awards highlight why Europe needs strong innovation ecosystems connecting education, research and business. These innovators show how entrepreneurship and collaboration can address real challenges that matter to citizens. We are committed to supporting this work and helping more talented Europeans turn their fledgling ideas into marketable solutions.'*

Martin Kern, EIT Director, said: *'The innovators we celebrate today are outstanding examples of how European talent can turn strong ideas into impact. In Europe, we need more of that: solutions that improve our lives and help us to regain our ability to compete globally. I warmly congratulate the winners and all finalists for their achievements.'*

MEET THE WINNERS

2025 EIT Innovation Awards Categories

The **EIT Awards** celebrate high-impact innovations and the people behind them. Each award comes with a monetary prize of €50 000 (first place), €30 000 (second place), and €20 000 (third place).

- **Changemaker Award** – for a standout leader and role model whose activities create significant social impact. This year's winner is [Laura Laringe](#) (Germany), nominated by InnoEnergy, for co-founding reLi Energy, which improves battery performance through smart software.



- **Innovation Team Award** – for a diverse group from across the education, research, and business fields, pioneering a groundbreaking product or service with transformative potential. This year's winner is [AI Automated Industrial Analytics](#) (Italy), nominated by EIT Manufacturing, for developing an AI tool that quickly detects issues in manufacturing and helps workers make better decisions using real time data.
- **Venture Award** – for an emerging startup within the EIT Community demonstrating exceptional promise and growth potential. This year's winner is [ABLE Human Motion](#) (Spain), nominated by EIT Health, for developing affordable motorised wearable robotic frames (exoskeletons) that help people to walk again and support their rehabilitation.
- **Public Award** – The community's favourite innovation, selected by public online vote. This year's winner is [ABLE Human Motion](#) (Spain).

Full List of 2025 EIT Awards Winners, Including Second and Third Place

- The Changemaker Award: 1. [Laura Laringe](#) (Germany), 2. [Laurie Lancee](#) (The Netherlands) 3. [Farnaz Baksh](#) (Estonia).
- The Innovation Team Award: 1. [AI Automated Industrial Analytics](#) (Italy), 2. [BRIGHT Project Innovation Team](#) (Estonia), 3. [VoiceMed](#) (Italy).
- The Venture Award: 1. [ABLE Human Motion](#) (Spain) 2. [Sofi Alchemist](#) (Finland), [Digiclean Solutions AB](#) (Sweden).

To learn more about the 2025 EIT Awards winners, finalists and all nominees please visit the dedicated webpage [here](#).

The EIT Jumpstarter Grand Finale

The EIT Jumpstarter Grand Finale showcased early-stage innovators from moderate and emerging innovation regions across Europe. Each team presented solutions developed through the Jumpstarter's training and mentoring journey. Finalists competed across seven categories: **Healthcare, Food & Agritech, Energy & Renewables, New European Bauhaus, Raw Materials, Smart Cities & Mobility, and Rebuild Ukraine**. Special awards also recognised outstanding teams from the **Western Balkans, the Mediterranean and the EU outermost regions**. Learn more about this year's winners and finalists [here](#).

Recognition of Ukrainian Women Driving Innovation

The event also honoured the remarkable contribution and resilience of **Ukrainian women innovators** through the **EIT Red Kalyna Awards**. The initiative recognised entrepreneurs, educators, researchers, and mentors who have continued to drive innovation and build resilient communities despite the challenges they face. Learn about this year's winners [here](#).

[See photos from the EIT Innovation Awards](#)



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The EIT strengthens Europe's ability to innovate by powering solutions to pressing global challenges and by nurturing entrepreneurial talent to create sustainable growth and skilled jobs in Europe. The EIT is an EU body and an integral part of [Horizon Europe](#), the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Institute supports dynamic pan-European partnerships, EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, among leading companies, research labs and universities. Currently ten EIT Knowledge & Innovation Communities are supported: [Climate KIC](#) (formerly EIT Climate-KIC), [28DIGITAL](#) (formerly EIT Digital), [InnoEnergy](#) (formerly EIT InnoEnergy), [EIT Health](#), [EIT RawMaterials](#), [EIT Food](#), [EIT Manufacturing](#), [EIT Urban Mobility](#), [EIT Culture & Creativity](#) and EIT Water. Together with their leading partners, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities across Europe: entrepreneurial education courses, business creation and acceleration services and innovation-driven research projects.

