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bio-based endeavors to new heights

CALL FOR STARTUPS

Submission Deadline: December 1st, 2026

9-11 | MARCH | 2027

Strasbourg, France

Organized by: BIOECONOMY FOR CHANGE

In partnership with: EFIB by EuropaBio

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BIOKET invites cutting-edge start-ups to participate in the **BIOKET 2027 Start-up Village & Pitch Sessions!** This is an incredible opportunity for selected start-ups to showcase their innovations at the forefront of the bioeconomy and biomass sectors.

Opportunities for selected start-ups:

Selected startups may apply to participate **in one or both of the following opportunities:**

Start-up Village

- Exhibit throughout the three days of BIOKET 2027.
- Showcase technologies, products and innovative solutions to an international audience.
- Benefit from visibility through BIOKET's website and official communication channels.
- Connect with potential customers, partners and investors.
- **Up to 20 startups will be selected for the exhibition area.**

Investor Pitch Sessions

- Deliver up to five-minutes pitch to specialized investors and industry professionals.
- Present the innovation, business model, market potential and investment needs.
- Explore funding opportunities and strategic partnerships.
- **Up to 24 pitching opportunities will be available.**

Startup Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be active in areas relevant to the circular bioeconomy, including biomass valorization, industrial biotechnology, bioprocessing, biochemicals, biomaterials, food and feed innovation, bioenergy and related enabling technologies.

To qualify, startups must meet all the following conditions:

- Be established no more than seven years before the application deadline.
- Have a maximum company capital of €10 million.
- Have an annual turnover not exceeding €1 million.
- Not be a subsidiary of another company.
- Each company may submit only one application.

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Join the forefront of the bioeconomy and biomass innovation scene by applying for the BIOKET 2027 Start-up Village. **Selected start-ups will have the opportunity to pitch in front of leading investors.**

Start-ups accepted for pitches will be given **5 minutes Pitch time.**

Please note that by submitting your entry, you agree to register and be available for a pitch session anytime during the conference from March 9 to 11, 2027, in Strasbourg, France.

1. Submission Process & Guidelines

- **Online Portal: Submit through the designated online submission system via [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE CALL FOR STARTUPS FORM]**
- **Deadline: Submit by December 1st, 2026, Midnight CET. Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- **Contact Information:** Provide accurate contact details, including main contact name and email; and the start-up name.
- **Format:** All uploaded documents during the submission process must be in **PPT/PPTX format**.
- **Language:** All uploaded documents during the submission process should be in English.
- **Content:**
  - **General Information:**
    - Full legal company name and registered address.
    - Main contact's name, job title, email and telephone number.
    - Company website.
    - Founding date and founder(s).
    - Annual turnover, company capital and number of employees.
    - Main business activity.
  - **Innovation and Technology**
    - Description of the concept, innovation or technology (maximum 500 words).
    - Technology Readiness Level (TRL), according to the application form.
    - Market potential and expected applications.
    - Project team information, with up to five members.

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- **Participation Preferences**
  - Application for the Start-up Village, Investor Pitch Sessions, or both.
  - Expected investment amount in euros, if applying for an Investor Pitch.
  - Optional pitch deck in PDF format.

Applicants may also request consideration for the BIOKET Start-up Voucher Awards as part of the same application.

2. Selection and Notification

- Applications will be evaluated based on eligibility, innovation relevance, technology potential, market opportunities and alignment with BIOKET's thematic scope.
- Applicants will be notified of the selection outcome by **15 January 2027**.
- Selection for the Start-up Village or Investor Pitch Sessions does not automatically guarantee a financial voucher.
- Selected startups must confirm their participation and comply with the registration and presentation requirements communicated by the organizers.

3. Conference Registration and Participation Conditions

- Each selected startup participant must register for BIOKET through the official registration platform: https://www.b2match.com/e/bioket-2027, at the dedicated rate of **€400 excluding VAT per person.**
- The startup pass includes access to the three-day conference, technical sessions, exhibition, B2B meetings, networking opportunities and included catering services.
- The Gala Dinner is not included and may be purchased separately.
- All selected startups must comply with the registration requirements and deadlines communicated by the organizers.

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4. Investor Pitch Requirements

Selected startups participating in the Investor Pitch Sessions must:

- Deliver a presentation lasting **no more than five minutes.**
- Present in **English.**
- Use **PowerPoint format.**
- Respect the presentation schedule allocated by the organizers.
- Ensure that a registered company representative is available to present during BIOKET 2027.

5. Ethics, Confidentiality and Communication

- **Plagiarism:** Submissions must be free of plagiarism.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Applicants must disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
- **Accuracy of Information:** Applicants must provide accurate and complete information throughout the application process.
- **Intellectual Property:** Applicants retain ownership of their intellectual property.
- **Presentation Sharing:** By submitting your startup application, you authorize BIOKET to share your presentation with all conference participants after the event.
- **Use of Voice and Image:** You also authorize BIOKET to use presenters' voices and images recorded during the conference for promotional and educational purposes, subject to applicable data-protection requirements.
- **Communication:** BIOKET may promote selected startups and competition winners through its official communication channels.

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1. Competition Objectives and Prizes

With the support of **Région Grand Est**, BIOKET 2027 introduces an international competition designed to attract innovative startups, encourage industrial collaborations and connect promising companies with the Grand Est bioeconomy ecosystem.

A total prize envelope of €15,000 is available.

Startup location	Maximum voucher
Grand Est and companies located within 300 km of Strasbourg	€500
European companies located more than 300 km from Strasbourg	€1,000
Companies located outside Europe	€1,500

- **Each voucher covers up to 75% of eligible participation expenses, within the applicable maximum.**
- The proximity category takes precedence where relevant. Distances are calculated by road from the applicant company's registered establishment to Strasbourg.
- The number of winners will depend on evaluation results, applicable voucher amounts and the available budget.
- Participation in the voucher competition is optional and must be expressly requested during the application process.

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2. Eligibility and Evaluation of Voucher Applications

To enter the voucher competition, applicants must:

- Meet the general BIOKET startup eligibility criteria.
- Submit a complete application by **1 December 2026, midnight CET.**
- Explicitly request consideration for a BIOKET Start-up Voucher.
- Explain the relevance of their innovation and its development potential for the Grand Est ecosystem.
- Accept the competition rules and mandatory participation conditions.

The jury may establish a reserve list and decline applications that do not meet the required quality standard.

Selection for the Start-up Village or Investor Pitch Sessions does not automatically entitle an applicant to a voucher.

3. Mandatory Conditions for Receiving a Voucher

All three conditions below must be fulfilled to qualify for payment. Failure to fulfill any one of them will result in cancellation of the voucher payment:

- **Attend all three days of BIOKET 2027:** The startup must be represented on 9, 10 and 11 March 2027. Attendance will be verified through daily signed attendance records.
- **Present the startup's innovation:** Deliver a presentation during an official Start-up Pitch Session or as part of the BIOKET technical conference program, as confirmed by the organizers.
- **Connect with the Grand Est ecosystem:** Participate in a dedicated workshop organized with Quest for Change and Grand Est Développement, or attend an individual meeting with their designated representatives. Participation must be certified through a signed confirmation issued by the regional partners.

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4. Eligible Expenses and Financial Ceilings

Eligible expense	Maximum eligible amount
BIOKET registration, including the Start-up Village delegate pass	Actual registration fee
Accommodation	€175/night, maximum 4 nights, only if located more than 100 km from Strasbourg
Train	Actual return fare, second class
European return flight	€400, economy class
Intercontinental return flight	€1,000, economy class
Local public transport	€50 total
Meals not provided by BIOKET	€30 per meal

Vouchers cover up to 75% of actual eligible expenses, subject to the following conditions:

- **Accommodation:** Eligible only for companies located more than 100 km from Strasbourg, based on the applicant company's registered establishment.
- **Catering:** Meals and refreshments already provided through BIOKET registration are not eligible for reimbursement. This includes breakfasts, lunches and beverages on 9, 10 and 11 March 2027 where these are included in the conference programme.
- **Non-eligible expenses:** Alcohol, minibar, room service, business-class upgrades, personal expenses, accompanying persons' expenses and costs already reimbursed by another organization.
- **Participant limit:** Only expenses relating to one designated participant per awarded startup may be claimed.
- **Supporting documents:** All expenses must be supported by valid invoices, receipts and evidence of payment.
- **Financial ceilings:** Only expenditure within the applicable limits below will be considered eligible.

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5. Voucher Calculation

The actual voucher payment will be the lower of:

- 75% of verified eligible expenses, after applying the expenditure limits.
- The maximum voucher amount applicable to the startup's geographical category.

6. Reimbursement Procedure and Post-Event Validation

Vouchers will only be paid after BIOKET 2027.

Each provisional award winner must submit:

- Proof of attendance on all three conference days.
- Proof of presentation during an official pitch session or technical conference session.
- Signed confirmation of participation in the Grand Est workshop or individual meeting.
- Invoices, receipts and evidence of payment for all claimed eligible expenses.
- Company identification and bank details for reimbursement.

Validation and payment conditions:

- B4C will prepare the post-event verification files.
- A validation meeting will be organized with the jury, involving Région Grand Est, Grand Est Développement, Quest for Change and B4C.
- Payments will be processed only after the jury validates the three mandatory conditions and the eligible reimbursement amount.
- If any mandatory condition is not fulfilled, no voucher will be paid.
- If actual eligible expenses are lower than anticipated, the voucher amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- The reimbursement submission deadline and payment schedule will be communicated to selected startups.

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7. Acceptance and Final Provisions

- By submitting an application, companies accept these General Rules and the applicable BIOKET registration conditions.
- Participation in the Start-up Voucher competition constitutes acceptance of its selection, verification and reimbursement procedures.
- The organizers may make justified adjustments to program arrangements while preserving transparent selection and equal treatment.
- The voucher competition and related payments remain subject to validation of the applicable legal and public-funding framework by Région Grand Est and the organizers.

Following these rules will ensure a smooth submission process and enhance the chances of acceptance at BIOKET 2027. Always refer to the specific call for startups for detailed instructions and requirements.

About Us

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BIOKET is the leading international conference dedicated to Key Enabling Technologies and innovations applied to biomass valorization and the circular bioeconomy. As a premier annual meeting point, it brings together the entire innovation and value chain—from feedstock owners, technology providers and biorefineries to chemical, materials, food, feed, cosmetics, healthcare and bioenergy industries, as well as engineering companies, scale-up facilities, investors and policymakers.

The event fosters collaboration, knowledge exchange and business opportunities to accelerate the development, scale-up and commercialization of high-value bio-based products. Through a unique combination of technical content, networking and innovation showcases, BIOKET promotes the adoption of sustainable and cutting-edge technologies that contribute to the transition toward a more competitive, circular and resource-efficient bioeconomy.



Facts and Figures | From BIOKET 2022 to BIOKET 2026

Today, BIOKET delivers value through a combination of:

- High-level conferences and exhibitions
- Masterclasses and executive training programs
- International learning expeditions
- Business intelligence and market insights
- Strategic matchmaking and partnerships

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Key Highlights | A unique experience designed for impact

- **Keynote Sessions:** Strategic insights from global leaders shaping the future of the bioeconomy.
- **Technical Sessions (KETs):** Deep dives into breakthrough technologies, from lab to industrial scale.
- **Workshops:** Practical, hands-on sessions led by industry experts.
- **Startup Program:** Startup Village, Pitch Sessions, and dedicated workshops connecting innovators with investors and industry leaders.
- **Exhibition Area:** A curated space to showcase technologies, solutions, and services.
- **B2B Meetings:** Structured networking to foster partnerships and business opportunities.
- **Innovation Tours:** Exclusive visits to leading industrial and innovation sites.

Why Attend BIOKET 2027



Inspiring Talks



Innovation Tours



Global Networking



B2B Meetings



High-level Audience



Unique Experience

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BIOKET is dedicated to advancing bio-based solutions and processes, addressing the technological, economic, and environmental challenges of the Bioeconomy. The organization focuses on process innovations for biomass conversion, leveraging emerging technologies to minimize waste production and optimize overall operational expenditures (OPEX).

Key Areas of Focus

Process Innovations: Developing and implementing new technologies for efficient biomass conversion.

Waste Minimization: Reducing waste production through innovative processes.

Economic Optimization: Enhancing the economic viability of bio-based solutions by optimizing OPEX.

Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)

KETs are crucial in driving innovation across the circular bioeconomy, promoting industry leadership in value chains such as:

FOOD & FEED | **BIOENERGIES** | **BIOCHEMICALS** | **BIOMATERIALS**

These technologies support the convergence and integration across industries, with the potential to significantly improve health and safety, as well as mitigate climate change impacts.

BIOKET's commitment to KETs fosters a circular bioeconomy, enhancing sustainability and resilience in various sectors, ultimately contributing to a healthier planet and society.

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