

PRESS RELEASE

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STARTUP BOOSTER EDITION #2: OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS!

THE COMPETITION TAILORED TO SOURCE AND INSPIRE INNOVATIONS IN THE COMPOSITES FIELD.



The 2nd edition of Startup Booster will be held during JEC World 2018, March 6-8, 2018.

The largest international startup competition in the composites field is open to submissions: [CLICK HERE](#)

The program is open to entrepreneurs with an innovative project, a SME or a Startup - including academic spinoffs, who want to meet the world leaders in the composites industry to bring them to the next level.

Innovations will be in the following 2 categories:

PROCESS:

- Design
- Manufacturing
- Digitalization / Industry 4.0

PRODUCTS:

- New composites materials including hybrid materials, bio-sourcing and intelligent composites
- New applications and markets for composites

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STARTUPS

10 startups will be selected to pitch (March 6th, 2018) in front of a jury of experts and leading industry players at JEC World. They will also benefit from a strong business package including 3 days at the show on the Startup Booster Village and mentoring sessions with industry experts, including Airbus and Daimler, the main Innovation partners of Startup Booster, for the second year.

"This year's event has been a very efficient way to scout and engage with startups for innovative composite technologies. We expect a significant contribution to our future developments from this, and we are looking forward to continue to partnering with next generation of technological entrepreneurs" according to Jelle Bloemhof, Head of Composite Manufacturing Technologies, Airbus.

"Worldwide screening of startups related to composites technologies over the JEC event in Paris is a good opportunity for us to get in touch with innovative startups and possibly even pick up fast new partnerships in a fast-moving automotive world", says Karl-Heinz Fueller, Manager material innovations and BIW concept development at Daimler AG.

Out of these ten, 3 Winners will be announced during JEC World. In addition to the extensive exposure to the International professional composites crowd they will get, they will benefit from an acceleration package, including a booth at JEC World 2019.

"The Startup Booster has had a meaningful impact on our business. Today we are in discussion with 4 big groups in 2 different sectors." comments Cécile Crassous, CEO of H-PreC, 2017 Startup Booster winner.

"The JEC Startup Booster gave us extra visibility during the show and a premium display area, which was very helpful since there are 10s of thousands of attendees. We met with several large corporations and thought-leaders in the field as a direct result of the Startup Booster program. This is an opportunity not to be missed!" adds Josh Martin, Co-Founder and CEO of 3D Fortify, also Startup Booster Winner in 2017.

The Startup Booster competition is a program serving the Composites Industry as a whole. " JEC Group's mission is to support and to sustain the growth of composites by promoting and showcasing the potential of composites in all possible applications. Startup Booster is a way to source and to filter innovations to present them to the industry and boost adoption " says Ms. Frédérique MUTEL, President and CEO of JEC Group.

Many partners are involved in the second edition of the program, to support and promote the competition and to source projects from all over the world – check the list of Startup Booster 2018 Partners ([CLICK HERE](#))

"We, at JEC Group, benefit from the most comprehensive network in the composites industry, with universities, R&T centers, clusters, associations and the industry at large. The success of Startup Booster will be a collective work and I thank all the partners already committed to this second edition" says Anne-Manuèle Hébert, JEC World Show Director.

The call for application will be open until December 15th, 2017: [CLICK HERE](#)

Main Innovation Partners:

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Innovation Partners:



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ABOUT JEC GROUP:

With a network of 250,000 professionals, JEC Group is the largest composite organization in the world. It represents, promotes and helps develop composite markets by providing global and local networking and information services. For the past 20 years, JEC has achieved continuous growth and acquired an international reputation. It has opened offices in North America and Asia. The Company is entirely owned by the non-profit Center for the Promotion of Composites. JEC Group's policy is to systematically invest its profits in the creation of new services to benefit the industry. After successfully winning over the composites industry, JEC Group is now enlarging its scope to the next segment of the value chain, i.e. manufacturers and end-users.

Through Knowledge and Networking, JEC's experts offer a comprehensive service package: the JEC publications - including strategic studies, technical books and the JEC Composites Magazine - the weekly international e-letter World Market News and the French e-letter JEC Info Composites. JEC also organizes the JEC World Show in Paris – the world's largest composites show, five times bigger than any other composites exhibition - JEC Asia in South Korea and the Future of Composites in Construction in Chicago; the Web Hub www.jeccomposites.com; the JEC Composites Conferences, Forums and Workshops in Paris, Singapore, Chicago and Knoxville and the JEC Innovation Awards program (Europe, Asia, America, India and China).

The composite industry employs 550,000 professionals worldwide, generating 79 billion EUR worth of business in 2016.

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The company founders, Gottlieb Daimler and Carl Benz, made history by inventing the automobile in 1886. As a pioneer of automotive engineering, Daimler continues to shape the future of mobility today by focusing on innovative and green technologies as well as on safe and superior vehicles that captivate and inspire. Daimler consistently invests in the development of alternative drivetrains – from hybrid cars to full electric vehicles with battery and fuel cell – with the goal of making zero-emission driving possible in the long term. Moreover, the company is actively promoting accident-free driving and intelligent networking all the way through to self-driving cars. This is just one example of how Daimler willingly accepts the challenge of meeting its responsibility towards society and the environment.

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