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Eni is a global energy company operating in sixty-four countries, conducting its business responsibly towards its stakeholders across the entire value chain. Eni concretely supports a socially just energy transition towards a carbon-neutral future, with the aim of preserving our planet and promoting access to energy resources in an efficient and sustainable way for all, pursuing a fair energy transition in respect of society and local and global ecosystems. To this end, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations represent for Eni a shared objective and a reference framework for conducting its activities in the countries where it operates.

Within this framework, Eni is committed to playing a leadership role in the production and sale of decarbonized energy products and in promoting numerous scientific research projects in the fields of renewable energy, hydrogen, CCUS, energy efficiency, energy storage and circular economy.

Since 2008, Eni has established the Eni Award to recognize and promote research and technological innovation in the field of energy and the environment. Particular attention is dedicated to solutions that promote cutting-edge technologies, greater access to energy for developing countries and the use of digital tools such as IoT, Machine Learning, Big Data management, etc., capable of improving and accelerating technological development. Starting from 2022, Eni – through Joule, its School for Entrepreneurship – has established an additional recognition called Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship (hereinafter "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship"), aimed at fostering the application, enhancement and transfer of technologies in the field of energy transition, while promoting the creation of a sustainable innovation ecosystem.

1. PURPOSES

The Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship Special mention aims to promote innovative and sustainable entrepreneurship in the field of decarbonization of processes and products, circular economy and climate change mitigation, in order to contribute to the energy transition and foster the country's socio-economic development.

2. SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MENTION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The recognition consists in the awarding of three (3) Prizes to three selected entities among teams, university spin-offs and startups that have developed or are developing innovative, sustainable – not only from an economic perspective but also environmental and social – and high technological value entrepreneurial projects, with the potential to contribute to the energy transition and the country's socio-economic development.

In the evaluation of the applications submitted, the following aspects will be particularly considered:

- skills of the proposing team;
- innovative nature of the proposed solution and level of technological development;
- market potential;
- long-term environmental and social value generation prospects.

3. THE PRIZE

The winning projects will be identified, following a preliminary selection by an internal Eni Pre-Evaluation Committee (hereinafter "Eni Committee"), by a dedicated External Committee (for further details see the Regulation <https://onesquare.elis.org/initiative/eni-joule-for-entrepreneurship-29>, hereinafter "External Committee"). The External Committee will designate the winners by July 2026.

The Prize consists of a personalized silver plaque, as well as the direct provision by Eni – for

a maximum of two members per winning team – of: i) travel services to reach Rome, ii) the necessary transfers for participation, iii) accommodation and meals during the ceremony for a maximum stay of two nights (hereinafter also referred to as the "Prize").

The above-mentioned silver plaques will be awarded in Rome during an official ceremony within 2026 in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella and Eni's top management.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

Applications for the Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship Special mention must include a pitch deck, i.e. a presentation summarizing the business plan and providing an overview of the entrepreneurial project consistent with the aspects set out in point 2 (Subject of the award and evaluation criteria).

The application form is available at the following link and must be submitted mandatorily according to the following procedures:

- The pitch deck and the Curriculum Vitae of each team member must be submitted to the Special mention Secretariat (hereinafter "Secretariat") through the dedicated platform at the following link Regulation <https://onesquare.elis.org/initiative/eni-joule-for-entrepreneurship-29> starting from **25 February 2026**.

The final deadline for submitting applications for the "Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship" Special mention is set for **19 April 2026**. Within three weeks following 19 April 2026, the Secretariat will send applicants confirmation of the formal acceptance of their application by email.

5. SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will first be evaluated by the Eni Committee, which will examine the entrepreneurial projects received and propose a provisional ranking to the External Committee, which is entrusted with the final evaluation of the projects and the designation of the winners by July 2026.

The External Committee shall consist of up to five members selected by the Secretariat from representatives of the national innovation ecosystem.

6. REGULATION

Eni Joule for Entrepreneurship and this call for applications are governed by the Regulation available at the following link <https://onesquare.elis.org/initiative/eni-joule-for-entrepreneurship-29>.

7. INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

For information, please contact the Special mention Secretariat at domenica.surace@eni.com

8. PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (hereinafter "GDPR"), Eni S.p.A. will process the personal data provided by applicants, as independent data controller, for purposes related to participation, selection, awarding of the prize, as well as technical, administrative, operational and accounting management of this call for applications.

The extended privacy notice regarding the processing of personal data carried out by Eni S.p.A. is available in the Regulation, which each applicant is required to consult before participating.

For the purposes described in point 5) and related to the selection of applications, Eni S.p.A. may communicate the personal data provided by applicants to the external members of the Special mention Secretariat, who will process such data as independent data controllers.