



## **RULES OF THE eureKAWARDS 2021 CONTEST**

eureKARE ("the Company"<sup>1</sup>) is a pioneering new company focused on financing and building next generation biotechnology companies in the disruptive fields of the microbiome and synthetic biology.

### **Article 1 - Purpose**

eureKAWARDS is a science-based pitch contest aimed at discovering and supporting ambitious synthetic biology projects from across Europe.

You are a researcher working on a fantastic synthetic biology project in your university lab, biohacking space or personal garage and looking to get a well-deserved head start?

eureKAWARDS is exactly what you need: a great opportunity to present your idea, concept or even your pre-startup plan in front of our panel of renowned scientific experts and business partners to compete for a full year of free access to eureKARE's synthetic biology studio, eureKASYNBIO.

### **Article 2 - Eligibility**

To apply, applicants ("the Applicants") must be researchers or makers with an irrepressible desire to turn a disruptive idea into an innovative product. This product is expected to add significant value to the lives of patients and consumers or to the success of commercial users.

Only applications from the field of synthetic biology, including but not only DNA synthesis, gene editing, gene therapy, mRNA vaccines and therapeutics, enzyme engineering, synthetic cells, xeno-nucleic acids, and CAR T-cells, will be considered and only applicants with legal capacity based and active in the European Union, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Israël are invited to apply.

The scope of the competition is open to biomedical, environmental and industrial indications, but the project must always be aimed at bringing a better solution to a clear and proven unmet need. Diversity is encouraged and all qualified applicants from any nationality, social, ethnic, racial and gender categories are welcome to submit their proposal.

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## **Article 3 - Application Form**

The application will be submitted online, in English only.

Incomplete applications or those found unreadable will not be considered. Those applicants whose application is deemed non-reviewable will be notified of the situation.

## **Article 4 - Submission of applications**

This competition is held exclusively on the internet via the link <https://eurekare.eu/eurekawards/>.

The application form must be sent exclusively online via this website.

The opening date for the submission of application forms will be August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (midnight) and the closing date will be October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (midnight).

Any application sent to another electronic or postal address, or sent before or after the submission period or using another template will not be taken into account.

Information provided by the applicant via the application form will be considered as non-confidential.

## **Article 5 - Selection criteria (step 1)**

The first selection phase will be performed by the eureKARE management team according to a set of criteria aimed at checking whether the proposed project does indeed address a biomedical, environmental or industrial unmet need.

Economic relevance and financial coherence of the proposed project, together with the motivation of the applicant to develop the project toward the creation of a competitive startup company, will be key at this stage.

Applicants having successfully met the first selection phase will be qualified as semi-finalists.

## **Article 6 - Selection criteria (steps 2a and 2b)**

The second selection phase will be performed by the jury (“the Jury”) composed of top professionals selected by eureKARE from their network of industrial partners and expert advisors. This step will be prepared during one or more coaching session(s) with eureKARE team.

Technological originality, eventually backed by publications and patents, scaling-up feasibility of their approach as well as the competitive advantages that the anticipated product will offer to its final users and markets, will be key at this stage.

The pitch before the Jury will be organized on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as a visio-conference of 10 minutes. Semi-finalists having successfully met the second selection phase will be qualified as finalists and they will be notified of their status on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The finalists will be working with eureKARE team during one of more coaching session(s) to prepare their next pitch to be defended before a scientific jury (“Scientific Jury”) composed of members of eureKARE scientific advisory board.

A rehearsal and non-selective pitch before the Scientific Jury will be organized on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 as a visio-conference of 20 minutes including a more extensive question/answer session. The finalists will then work with eureKARE team to finalize their pitch for the contest.

Information provided at this stages will be treated as non-confidential and if some confidential data is to be exchanged, it will be covered by an ad-hoc non-disclosure agreement.

## **Article 7 - Pitch contest (step 3)**

The pitch contest will take place before a public audience and the Scientific Jury on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as part of the first eureKARE online annual event. This presentation will be considered as non-confidential.

One finalist will be qualified as the winner by the Scientific Jury and the announcement of the eureKAWARDS will be made on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the end of the eureKARE annual event.

## **Article 8 - The prize**

The winner of the eureKAWARDS will receive free access to premium services provided by the eureKASYNBIO startup studio team and its network of validated partners for one year. This includes advice concerning strategy, equity financing, grants, communications and more. The winner will also receive guidance and support from eureKARE’s team and broad network of validated academic and industrial professionals in synthetic biology. In addition, significant exposure to qualified investors and media platforms will be given to the winning project. eureKARE will also prioritize the winning project and consider investing in the startup upon the achievement of proof of concept and value creation milestones.

## **Article 9 - Commitments of the Applicants**

Applicants represent and warrant that the information they provide is true and sincere in all material respects. Any inaccuracy or omission likely to introduce an erroneous judgement will result in the cancellation of their application. Any incomplete file or file

containing false information regarding identity or address will be considered null and void.

In the event of a proven irregularity, eureKARE reserves the right to withdraw the prize awarded.

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of the contest rules.

Each Applicant represents and warrants that his/her participation in the contest and the disclosure of its project and of the information related thereto is duly authorized by its employer and/or by the owner or co-owner of the intellectual property referred to in such project and confidential information, and shall hold harmless eureKARE, its consultants and employees in case of breach of these representations and warranties.

The absence of the person(s) responsible for the selected and awarded projects, without real and serious justification, will lead to the disqualification of the project.

By accepting the prize, the winner expressly authorize eureKARE to use his/her family name, first name, image, as well as the indication of his/her location, in the context of any advertising message or promotional communication, on any medium, as well as on eureKARE and affiliates websites or social media platforms, for a period of one year, without this use being able to open up any rights other than the prize awarded, if any.

## **Article 10 – Final decision**

The Jury and Scientific Jury are independent and sovereign and the results cannot be contested in any way.

Following the presentation of the pitches, the Scientific Jury reserves the right to award none or only part of the prize if it considers that the projects do not sufficiently meet the criteria defined.

## **Article 11 - Participation fee**

Access to the eureKAWARDS contest is free.

The costs incurred by the applicant during the preparation and presentation of their application are the responsibility of the candidates and no reimbursement will be made by eureKARE.

## **Article 12 - Property**

Each Applicant represents and warrants that he/she legitimately holds the intellectual and industrial property rights and/or holds all the necessary authorizations in connection with such rights relating to the projects carried out within the framework of

the competition and thus guarantee eureKARE against any recourse of whatever nature that could be brought by any third party.

Applicants are encouraged to file an I-Depot (or similar) at their own initiative and cost in order to obtain a legal proof bearing an anteriority date stamp proving that their idea, concept or plan existed before entering the eureKAWARDS contest.

## **Article 13 - Personal data**

Personal data processed by eureKARE, as data controller in the context of the competition, are mandatory for the processing and management of applications for the said competition and, in particular, for their computer processing carried out under eureKARE's liability.

Personal data are used for the purposes of managing the competition and its follow-up, evaluating and selecting applications, monitoring relations with candidates and prize-winners, promoting the competition and the prize-winners, evaluating the impact of the competition, and providing support to prize-winners.

It may also, by express agreement, be used or communicated for the same purposes to the service providers or partners of eureKARE, as well as to any third party involved in the execution of the competition, within the limits necessary for the contest process and its consequences.

Personal data will be kept in accordance with the applicable regulations, in particular the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Any persons whose personal data is processed have the right to request from eureKARE access to and rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing concerning the data subject or to object to processing as well as the right to data portability regarding information concerning them.

These rights may be exercised by sending a letter to eureKABIOME, 128 rue de la Boétie, 75008 Paris, France. Finally, a complaint may be lodged with the Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés (CNIL): CNIL - 3 Place de Fontenoy - TSA 80715 - 75334 PARIS CEDEX 07 - +33 1 53 73 22 22.

## **Article 14 - Responsibility of the organizers**

### **14.1 eureKAWARDS competition**

The organizers cannot be held responsible for any temporary or permanent interruption of the operation, for any reason whatsoever. The candidates are not allowed to raise any claim or request for compensation on this subject.

The organizers reserve the right to modify, if necessary, the announced dates according to certain events.

### **14.2 Communication**

The contact information of all eureKAWARDS candidates will be used in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws, in particular the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and French Act "*Informatique et Libertés*" of January 6, 1978 or any other law that may be substituted for it. Each candidate has the right to access, rectify, erase, limit, delete or request the portability of information concerning him/her.

### **14.3 Liability**

The organizers shall not be held liable in any way whatsoever for the services actually provided to the winner by the service providers solicited under the service checkbook.

## **Article 15 - Miscellaneous**

In the event of any breach by a candidate, the organizers reserve the right to exclude the latter's participation as of right, without the latter being able to claim anything whatsoever.

The present rules apply by right to all candidates who have submitted their project.

eureKARE reserves itself the right to adapt and modify the present rules.

## **Article 16 - Governing law and jurisdiction**

These rules as well as any conflict which may result from them and generally in relation with the contest shall be governed by the laws of France.

The courts within the jurisdiction of the Paris Court of Appeal shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and judge any dispute that may arise therefrom.

## **Article 17 - Schedule**

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021: Online application form available

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Online application form closed

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Visio-pitch of semi-finalists before the Jury and selection of finalists

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021: Visio-pitch of finalists before the Scientific Jury

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Visio-pitch of finalists during our public event and selection of winner