

PRESS RELEASE

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A PRESTIGIOUS JURY FOR THE 2ND EDITION OF START-UP BOOSTER!

THE LARGEST START-UP COMPETITION IN THE FIELD OF COMPOSITES.

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



For the second edition of Start-up Booster, JEC Group is proud to announce the following prestigious jury – confirmed today:

- **3M** – Christophe MEULEMAN, Managing Director R&D
- **Airbus Commercial Aircraft** – Jelle BLOEMHOF, Head of Composites Manufacturing Technologies
- **Alstom** – Xavier ALLARD, Design & Styling Director
- **CETIM** – Christophe CHAMPENOIS, Composites Department Manager
- **Daimler AG** – Dr. Karl-Heinz FÜLLER, Manager hybrid materials, concepts and AMG
- **GE's Digital European Foundry** – Vincent CHAMPAIN, General Manager
- **Innovation Plasturgie Composites (IPC)** – Dr. Bertrand FILLON, General Director of Research
- **JEC Group** – Ms. Frédérique MUTEL, President & CEO
- **Vector Space System** – Jim CANTRELL, CEO & Co-founder

In 2018, Start-up Booster will offer an **intensive 3 day-programme**, jointly organized with BPI France Le Hub, which will include:

- A Pitching session: in front of both the jury and industry leaders
- A Start-up Booster Winners Ceremony: with the attendance of industrialists, international press, and scientists
- “Meet the jury” sessions: to provide start-ups with the possibility of interacting with, and getting tangible feedback from, each jury member
- “Example of agility between Corporate and Start-up”: a session by Solvay Venture, with Stéphane ROUSSEL, CEO of Solvay Venture and Leandro CASTRO, CEO of MultiMechanics
- An accelerator session: with the Airbus composites & manufacturing teams
- An AMA (Ask me Anything) session: with Clémentine GALLET, CEO of Coriolis
- Start-up Club sessions: with the 3 winners from 2017 (HPrec, 3D Fortify and Pond) sharing experience and tips with their peers

And much more! The full programme will be announced in early February.

This programme will also be open to participants in the show.

The 10 selected start-ups will benefit from unparalleled exposure to International Media, and direct access to the Composites Industry, as JEC World attracts more than 40,000 visits over the 3 days. The selected start-ups will also be invited to the JEC World VIP Party, and will be offered a full logistic package (with F&B during the day).

Out of these 10, three will be provided with an 18m² stand for JEC World 2019, as well as a promotion package - worth 10,000€, and finally, 3,500€ to cover the costs of their participation in 2018.

Start-up Booster is targeting Start-ups, SMEs & Academic Spinoffs, who want to present their innovations to world leaders of composites, in 2 categories:

- PROCESS: Design, Manufacturing, Digitalization / Industry 4.0
- PRODUCTS: New materials including hybrid materials, bio-sourcing and intelligent composites, new market applications

"We are looking for innovative solutions to optimizing the costs of our current production, as well as meeting our ambitious research targets. The robustness of processes throughout the complete carbon composite life-cycle, including reuse/recycling, is a key requirement for successful implementation. Reduction of non-valued added operations and increased process automation are key parts of this, with both thermoset and thermoplastic technologies within the scope of our interest." said Jelle BLOEMHOF, Head of Composite Manufacturing Technologies, Airbus.

"We are looking for new technologies in the composite area, supporting our CASE innovation strategy. Specifically, we are looking into improving the cost situation, as well as activities making composites smarter - by integrating new sensor systems", added Dr. Karl-Heinz FÜLLER, Manager hybrid materials, concepts and AMG at Daimler AG.

The attraction of start-ups in the composites field, and the power of JEC, has allowed the event to announce a series of leading partners for its 2018 edition:

- Airbus and Daimler as Main Innovation Partners
- 3M as Industry Partner
- Solvay Venture as Coaching Partner
- CETIM, IPC and Pôle Astech as Innovation & Research partners

"One of the JEC Group's missions is to spot composites innovations at their early stage, and help them grow, to improve the industry and every end-using segment. Start-up Booster is the perfect way to source and to filter innovations, with the backing of important industry players" said Ms. Frédérique MUTEL, President and CEO of JEC Group.

The program also benefits from the support of a vast range of "recruitment partners", from the JEC network, including prestigious names such as Almaco, ARI Picardie, Assocompositi, AZL, BPI France, Composites Recycling Technology Center, DLR, EPFL, Innovative Composites Center, Institut für Verbundwerkstoffe, IRT Jules Vernes, Leichtbau Baden-Württemberg, MAI Carbon, Matériaupôle, National Composites Center Japan, Nord France Innovation Développement, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Composites World, SATT, Starburst Accelerator, TNFIS, TUM, Turkish Composites Manufacturers Association, Ulnanotech, UNCM, the U.S. Commercial Service...

Check the list of Start-up Booster 2018 Partners ([CLICK HERE](#))

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

ABOUT JEC GROUP:

With a network of 250,000 professionals, JEC Group is the largest composites organization in the world. It represents, promotes and helps develop composites 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.jecomposites.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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About AIRBUS:

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2016, it generated revenues of € 67 billion, and employed a workforce of around 134,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners - from 100 to more than 600 seats. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as Europe's number one space enterprise and the world's second largest space business. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

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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.

Daimler sells its vehicles and services in nearly all countries of the world and has production facilities in Europe, North and South America, Asia and Africa. In addition to Mercedes-Benz, which is the world's most valuable premium automotive brand, Mercedes-AMG, Mercedes-Maybach and Mercedes me, Daimler's current brand portfolio also includes smart, EQ, Freightliner, Western Star, BharatBenz, FUSO, Setra and Thomas Built Buses, as well as the Daimler Financial Services brands Mercedes-Benz Bank, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Daimler Truck Financial, moovel, car2go and mytaxi. The company is listed on the Frankfurt and Stuttgart stock exchanges (ticker symbol DAI). In 2016, the Group employed a total workforce of 282,488 and sold some 3 million vehicles. Revenue totalled €153.3 billion and EBIT amounted to €12.9 billion.