



2025 Decarb Connect Europe Next Gen Awards

Eligibility requirements and Criteria

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- Entries can only be considered for one award
- The start-up must be at pre-seed to series A funding stage
- The start-up must not have been founded longer than 10 years ago
- In the spirit of showcasing new companies, previous finalists and winner will only be eligible to submit an application for an individual person in the rising star category.

Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate technical innovation that has real world application and potential for large scale roll-out. Entries will be considered based on:

- Innovation – how novel is the solution?
- Feasibility of the technology – What is the perceived TRL?
- Stage in the funding journey – How much has been raised?
- The size and nature of the addressable market
- What is the commercial strategy/ business model?
- The scale of the potential climate impact