EU Prize for WOMEN INNOVATORS 2016

Apply now to get a chance of winning one of the three prizes!

The European Commission has launched the 3rd edition of the EU Prize for Women Innovators. The competition is open until **20 October 2015**!

This Prize aims to raise public awareness on the need for more innovation and more women innovators.

It will reward three women who have achieved outstanding innovations and brought them to market.

The Awards

First prize: **€ 100 000**	Second prize: **€ 50 000**	Third prize: **€ 30 000**

Who can participate?

The contest is open to all women who:

1. reside in an EU Member State or a country associated to Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation programme;

2. have founded or co-founded an active company, which was registered before 1 January 2013 and whose annual turnover was at least €100 000 in 2013 or 2014;

3. have at some point of their careers benefitted from the EU's research framework programmes, the EURATOM Framework Programme, the Competitiveness and Innovation framework programme (CIP) or actions relating to research and innovation under the European Structural and Investment Funds (known as the Structural Funds prior to 2014).

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How to participate

Apply online before 20 October 2015 at 12:00 midday (Brussels time) via the contest website *www.ec.europa.eu/women-innovators*. An independent panel of judges from business and academia will examine and select the winners, who will be announced in spring 2016.

Why did the European Commission create this prize?

Although women are more and more active in research, there are still too few women creating innovative enterprises. The EU Prize for Women Innovators was launched to give public recognition to outstanding women entrepreneurs and to inspire other women to follow in their footsteps.

More information

Check the contest rules and the application guide on the contest website *http://www.ec.europa.eu/women-innovators*.

Contact us via *rtd-women-innovators@ec.europa.eu* or *#EUWIN2016*

Previous winners

Prize ceremony in 2014, from left to right: Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science), Mark Rutte (Prime Minister of the Netherlands), Laura van't Veer (2nd prize winner), Saskia Biskup (1st prize winner), Ana Maiques (3rd prize winner), José Manuel Barroso (President of the European Commission).