

Regulation of participation 2025

Watts up?

These rules are deemed to be known, understood and accepted when participating in the "Watts up? call for projects.

1. Preamble and aims

EnovArk is putting out a call for projects with the aim of solving concrete challenges linked to energy networks, based on collaboration and the sharing of ideas, knowledge and resources across traditional organisational boundaries. The aim of this call for projects is to use innovative ideas and technologies to solve the problems facing the energy industry.

This call for projects is organised by EnovArk (hereinafter "the organiser"), OIKEN and the Ark Foundation.

2. Conditions of participation

Participation in this call for projects full acceptance of these rules.

This call for projects is open to all companies, start-ups, institutions or project leaders involved or wishing to become involved in the field of energy. The solutions proposed must be capable of being deployed with the challenge leader and with a desire ensure their development, implementation and sustainability over time.

3. How the call for projects works

The call for projects is organised in two stages:

- a design phase ;
- a development phase for the winning projects.

The first part is devoted developing a project. The participants propose a project concept submitted the form of an application file. The projects selected as finalists are invited to present their concept to a jury, which will select the winning projects.

The winner undertakes to then develop, with the support of EnovArk, its proposal in the form at least a prototype, a proof-of-concept or a first-customer offer, ideally within 6 to 12 months of the prize-giving ceremony. The challenge sponsor will provide on-site test infrastructures and monitoring of the solution.

The organiser and its partners will support the winning team in defining ways of developing and marketing their project in the future (e.g. business model, technical expertise, etc.).

The organisers and their partners also reserve the right to contact non-winning project sponsors.

4. Deadlines and submission of applications

Precise details of the schedule for the call for projects are available on the website <https://enovark.ch/watts-up/>. It may be modified at any time by the organisers. Applications for the call for projects can only be submitted online at <https://enovark.ch/watts-up/>. Applicants must comply with the dates announced for the deadline for submitting their proposed solution.

5. Commitments by project sponsors

By taking part, project sponsors undertake to :

- to complete the project application form before the end of the application deadline;
- to provide any additional information requested by the organiser;
- to provide the information and elements needed to communicate the project as part of the communication campaign following the call for projects.

Candidates undertake on their honour to guarantee the sincerity and veracity of the information they provide. Any inaccuracy or omission likely to lead to an erroneous judgement will result in the cancellation of the application. In the event of a proven irregularity detected after the event, the jury reserves the right to withdraw the prize awarded.

The winner also undertakes to:

- to develop its proposal at least in the form of a prototype, a proof-of-concept or a first-customer offer, ideally within 6 to 12 months of the prize-giving ceremony.
- to finance this development in addition to the prize awarded to the winner.
- present the results of their work to an audience.

6. Application form

The application form will be kept to a minimum to reduce bureaucracy. It will be limited to the form to be completed on the <https://enovark.ch/watts-up/> website. It may be supplemented by any useful document. Project sponsors undertake to provide all the information required to assess their application.

7. Jury

The jury is made up of a maximum of 6 members who are independent of the challenge sponsors. The jury's decisions are confidential, final and not subject to appeal. They will be communicated directly to the project sponsors concerned, in principle by e-mail.

8. Criteria for assessment by the jury

The jury will assess the projects proposed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Response to the need
- Relevance and added value of the solution
- Innovative or creative character
- Technical feasibility
- Economic and development potential
- Quality of the application
- The team's ability to see the project through to implementation

9. Prize endowment

The prize consists of a cash payment of CHF 10,000 for the development of the solution, support from EnovArk worth CHF 10,000 and the provision of field test infrastructures and monitoring of the solution by the challenge sponsor.

The cash amount will be paid to the project leader in two instalments, the first part when the Jury makes its decision and the second half after the POC has been completed.

Please note that the projects presented during call for projects may potentially be supported outside of this call for projects, through the organiser's accompaniment and/or support programmes.

10. Participation fees

Participation in the call for projects is free of charge. Costs incurred travelling, developing the concept or preparing the application file are the responsibility of each applicant. No reimbursement or compensation may be claimed from the organiser.

11. Image rights

The participant agrees that his/her work in connection with the call for projects may be presented in the media of the organiser and its partners, and that photos and video recordings of the participant may be taken for reporting purposes¹.

12. Intellectual property

Each solution sponsor and their team declare that they legitimately hold the intellectual property rights relating to the projects submitted under this call for projects.

13. Organisers' liability

The organiser and its partners reserve the right to modify, shorten, extend or cancel this call for projects if circumstances so require. The organiser may not be held liable in any way whatsoever.

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¹In the event that a patent is registered, the Organiser undertakes not to alter the future possibility of the patent and thus to adapt the message communicated.