



# Tapojärvi Innovation Challenge 2023

## Terms and Conditions

### BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The previous Tapojärvi Innovation Challenge competitions in 2020 and 2021 together with the University of Oulu have been excellent demonstrations of fruitful cooperation. Tapojärvi has hired two members from the winning team that won 10 000 euros in the 2020 competition. The current innovation competition is **the third** competition aimed at students and it has expanded to include universities all over Europe. This year's competition is organized in cooperation with Tapojärvi Oy and EIT RawMaterials.

Tapojärvi is a global forerunner in industrial circular economy, offering circular economy services to mines and factories, saving virgin raw materials and reducing environmental impacts. Tapojärvi handles large quantities of materials that are processed in a continuous process. Tapojärvi utilises industrial side streams and implements circular economy services for the steel, pulp and paper, construction, chemical, electronics and mining industries by giving already used materials a second or third life cycle.

The competition aims to develop new applications for stainless steel slags, mining waste rocks and mine tailings, and the forest industry's side streams. The objective is to increase students' understanding of the challenges of the industrial circular economy and help them to come up with sustainable solutions for industrial side streams through new product and service innovations.

### TERMS OF COMPETITION

By participating in the competition, the participant agrees to the following terms and conditions of the competition without a separate agreement:

#### **Intellectual property rights and access rights for competition entries**

Copyright and other intellectual property rights related to the competition work belong to their authors. Tapojärvi reserves the right to use the awarded competition entries in parallel, which includes the right to use and utilise and modify the awarded competition entries in Tapojärvi's own operations. The cash prize paid to the authors of successful entries is also compensation for the



access, so no separate compensation is paid to the authors for the access. With regard to possible inventions or exclusive rights of use, Tapojärvi and the author concerned may, if they so wish and on Tapojärvi's initiative, negotiate and agree separately on the redemption of inventions or exclusive rights of use for Tapojärvi using Tapojärvi's internal invention guidelines.

### **Limitation of liability**

Use and utilization of award-winning entries Tapojärvi's operations are carried out at Tapojärvi's own risk. Participants are not responsible for the suitability of the competition entry for the intended use.

### **Confidentiality**

The participant undertakes to keep secret and confidential all background materials and information provided by Tapojärvi and identified as confidential. Such information and materials may not be disclosed to third parties and may only be used for the preparation of the competition entry. However, the obligation does not apply to information that is public. However, the obligation of confidentiality does not limit the right of participants to publish and use their entries after the competition in other contexts, such as their portfolio and reference, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

### **TIMETABLE**

- Kick off March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Applications portal closes April 14<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Invitations to pitch for successful teams by May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Online pitching event Mid-June 2023
- Coaching of selected teams August-September
- Final event for finalists 27.10.2023

### **REGISTRATION**

Entry to the competition is done by registering to the registration platform and submitting an application: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/tapojarvi-innovation-challenge-2023>



## **AWARDS**

The supreme board of judges formed by Tapojärvi will evaluate the competition works and reward the three best teams at the final seminar that will be streamed on October 27, 2023. The winning team will be awarded **10,000 euros**. The rest of the final teams will also be rewarded with smaller sums.

Tapojärvi can also offer job opportunities as well as thesis positions for the realization of ideas.

## **CONTACT**

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