



Press Release

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The Competition "Ecotrophelia" Celebrates its 25th Anniversary at SIAL Paris!

The European competition "Ecotrophelia," dedicated to food innovation, will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the Salon International de l'Alimentation (SIAL) in Paris from October 20 to 21, 2024.

For a quarter of a century, Ecotrophelia has played a key role in promoting and supporting innovation in the European food sector.

The competition highlights emerging talents and cutting-edge ideas from students in food science, engineering, and business, while encouraging sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

A Quarter Century Dedicated to Food Innovation

Founded in France in 2000, Ecotrophelia has become a true springboard for young innovators and a laboratory of ideas for the European food industry. Participating teams from various universities and major schools across Europe compete in creativity to develop innovative, original, and environmentally friendly food products.

A Double Celebration at SIAL Paris 2024

To mark this significant milestone, the 25th edition of Ecotrophelia Europe promises to be exceptional. The competition will be held as part of the 60th anniversary of SIAL Paris, the world's largest food innovation exhibition, offering an international showcase for participants' projects. The anniversary celebration will take place on the last day of the competition, featuring a cocktail party, success story testimonials, and surprise quests.

During the two days of competition, 16 teams will present their creations to a jury composed of industry experts, researchers, and representatives of European food institutions. Evaluation criteria will include originality, technical feasibility, taste, commercial potential, and environmental impact of the products.





A Springboard to the Future

Winners of the competition will not only gain prestigious recognition but also receive support to transform their innovative concepts into marketable products. Many former participants have seen their projects reach the market, thus contributing to the sustainable transformation of the food sector.

The competition will award three official prizes:

- ECOTROPHELIA Europe Gold (prize: €4,000)
- ECOTROPHELIA Europe Silver (prize: €3,000)
- ECOTROPHELIA Europe Bronze (prize: €2,000)

And two special prizes:

- Communication strategy award (prize: €500)
- Entrepreneurship spirit (prize: €500)

Administration and Sponsors of the competition:

The organisation would not be possible without the precious help of our long date sponsors: Nestlé, Campden BRI, SIAL and newly EIT FOOD!

The organisation of the ECOTROPHELIA Europe contest is done by the European Economic Interest Group (EEIG) ECOTROPHELIA EUROPE, composed of nine stakeholders and federations: EIT FOOD, FoodDrinkEurope, ANIA (France), CCIS-CAFÉ (Slovenia), SEVT (Greece), LVA (Austria), FIAB (Spain), FEVIA (Belgium), SI (Iceland).





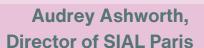




Maarten van der Kamp,
President of Ecotrophelia Europe



"I'm a big supporter of the ECOTROPHELIA EUROPE competition, it showcases food innovation and the exceptional talent of European students. They are bursting with ideas, often pioneering trends and resolutely committed to sustainable food. We are delighted to be hosting the final of the competition at SIAL Paris in October. All the best to all the candidates!"



Event Schedule Monday, October 21st:

Awards ceremony

SIAL Talks: participation of Maarten van der Kamp, President of Ecotrophelia Europe

25th-anniversary celebration of Ecotrophelia (by invitation only).

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