



PRESS RELEASE

17 French startups in the running for the prestigious Galien Prize "Best Startup 2022" Award

New York/Paris, September 28, 2022 – Business France is pleased to announce the nomination of 17 French startups for the prestigious Galien Prize Startup USA, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in biopharmaceutical research. These firms will travel to New York on October 27 to try to win the Galien Prize Startup. Also noteworthy, in the Digital Health Prize category, two French businesses are nominated and one French firm in the Incubator Prize category. These nominations illustrate the wealth of French research in health, the heart of tomorrow's innovations.

The Galien Foundation honors and rewards the best healthcare innovations through what has become the most coveted prize for healthcare project leaders: the Galien Prize.

Business France has been a partner of the Galien Foundation since 2013, supporting the international development of the most promising French startups. They are selected by a world-renowned jury and are connected to the best American firms.

In almost 10 years, the Galien Prize "Best Startup" Award has become as a real springboard for French businesses, with more than 130 collaborative projects signed, Franco-American partnerships established and US\$270 million raised.

This year, no fewer than 22 French startups are participating in the competition to win the prestigious prize, compared with nine last year, which reflects the speed of development of the French ecosystem in terms of innovation in the healthcare sector. Two French businesses, Novadiscovery and Therapixel, are also among the nominees for the Galien Prize "Best Digital Healthcare Solution," which rewards the most promising projects in digital healthcare. The Future4Care incubator was selected in the new Galien Prize category entitled "Incubators, Accelerators and Equity".

This new category recognizes the role of incubators who support project leaders, in successive waves, by offering access to leading advisors, peer support and economic support to advance innovation in the field of life sciences.

Frédéric Rossi, Director for Business France North America, said: "The crisis we've gone through has shown the need to use innovative technologies in the healthcare sector. These first results demonstrate the richness of the fabric of French startups and businesses, as well as the importance of collaboration at the international level. The Galien Prize represents a tremendous opportunity for these firms to raise their profile."

"With this partnership between the Galien Foundation and Business France, we're placing collective intelligence at the heart of our ambitions to jointly improve human healthcare," **said Bruno Cohen, Chairman of the Galien Foundation.** "The Galien Prize 'Best Startup' Award allows

high-potential players to meet and collaborate with American healthcare leaders, thereby fast-tracking the adoption of the most innovative technologies, while generating significant global commercial opportunities,” he added.

Healthcare is a strategic sector for the French economy. What’s more, foreign investors recognize French healthcare expertise and have made France a leading destination for their investment projects in Europe. This is clearly the case for American investors, who account for one-quarter of foreign investments in France. The United States and France are working together to provide innovative solutions in the healthcare sector. The Galien Prize, which rewards some of the most creative therapeutic innovations and research work every year, is the perfect illustration of this.

Composition of the jury



Bernard POUSSOT
Director, Roche
Holding
Former Chairman
& CEO, Wyeth
Chairman



Roch DOLIVEUX
Honorary CEO,
UCB



Mikael DOLSTEN
Global R&D
President, Pfizer



**Jean-Pierre
GARNIER**
Former CEO, GSK



Alex GORSKY
Executive
Chairman, Johnson
& Johnson



Penny HEATON
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Therapeutic Area
Head, Vaccines,
Janssen



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Former CEO, Avon



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Senior Managing
Director, Evercore
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Joel S. MARCUS
Executive
Chairman &
Founder,
Alexandria



Elias ZERHOUNI
Former Head of
Global R&D, Sanofi

French businesses nominated for the Galien Prize USA

Startups category



Digital Health category



Incubators category



Find all the candidates for awards [here](#)

About Business France

Business France is the national agency supporting the international development of the French economy, responsible for fostering export growth by French businesses, as well as promoting and facilitating international investment in France.

It promotes France's companies, business image and nationwide attractiveness as an investment location, and also runs the VIE international internship program.

Business France has 1,500 personnel, both in France and in 56 countries throughout the world, who work with a network of partners.

Since January 2019, as part of the reform of the state support system for exports, Business France has given private-sector partners responsibility for supporting French SMEs and mid-size companies in the following markets: Belgium, Hungary, Morocco, Norway, the Philippines and Singapore.

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About the Galien Foundation

The Galien Foundation fosters, recognizes and rewards excellence in scientific innovation that improves the state of human health.

Its vision is to catalyze the development of the next generation of innovative treatment and technologies that will improve health and save lives. The Foundation oversees and directs activities in the United States for the Galien Prize, an international award that recognizes outstanding achievements in improving the global human condition through the development of innovative therapies. The Galien Prize was created in France by Roland Mehl in 1970 in honor of Claude Galien, the father of medical science and modern pharmacology. Worldwide in scope, the Galien Prize is regarded as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in biopharmaceutical and medical technology research.

For further information, please visit: www.galienfoundation.org

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