



PRESS RELEASE

Twenty-two French businesses competing in the Best Startups category for the prestigious 2023 Galien Prize USA

New York/Paris, September 14, 2023 – Business France is pleased to announce the nomination of 22 French startups in the Best Startups category of the prestigious Galien Prize USA, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in pharmaceutical research. The presence of French businesses is very significant, since it amounts to one-third of the firms nominated in this category from any nationality. They will go to New York on October 26, 2023, to try to win this illustrious award.

The Galien Prize reflects 50 years of excellence and prestige. Every year, it recognizes exceptional innovations in all areas of healthcare: medicines, medical devices and e-health. The Galien Prize committee is made up of eminent experts and specialists in each category. Their notoriety, scientific rigor and independence have enabled them, over the years and beyond borders, to convey the institutional nature of the Galien Prize to both industry and public authorities.

Business France has been a partner of the Galien Foundation since 2013, when it created the MedStartup prize to support 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.

This year, no fewer than 22 French startups are participating in the competition to win the prestigious prize, compared with nine two years ago, which demonstrates the speed of development of the French ecosystem in terms of innovation in the healthcare sector.

Frédéric Rossi, Director of Business France North America, said: "The Galien Prize is much more than an award, it's recognition of innovation at the heart of global healthcare challenges. It's also a testament to the incredible potential of our startups and the crucial importance of international co-operation in shaping the future of medicine. We're happy to contribute to this momentum by highlighting French excellence in the field of healthcare."

Bruno Cohen, Chairman of the Galien Foundation, highlighted the importance of their partnership with Business France: "By associating the Galien Foundation with Business France, we place collective experience at the heart of our mission to improve human well-being. The 'Best Startup' Award provides high-potential businesses with an opportunity to engage and collaborate with healthcare leaders in the United States, while showcasing innovative technologies and positioning themselves for global business opportunities."

Healthcare is a strategic sector for the French economy. Furthermore, foreign investors recognize French health 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



Alex GORSKY
Executive Chairman, Johnson & Johnson



Penny HEATON
Global Therapeutic Area Head, Vaccines, Janssen



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François MAISONROUGE
Senior Managing Director, Evercore Partners



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



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.

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