

# WINNERS OF THE UNECE INTERNATIONAL AWARD 2017 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe UNECE celebrated the innovative startups in renewable energy, food safety and organic materials winners of the [2nd Ideas4Change for the SDGs Award](#).

About 100 ideas were received from 22 different countries, proposing innovative solutions for a better world.

The call, organized with support from the Permanent Missions of Israel and the Russian Federation to the United Nations in Geneva, was addressed to start-ups in the 56 member countries of UNECE, located in Europe, North America and Asia, for innovative ideas and solutions to address the [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) and give contribution to the [2030 Sustainable Development Agenda](#).

The start-up companies winners of the 2017 edition of the Award are:

- [Catalytic Innovations \(United States\)](#), who has developed a technology converting airborne carbon dioxide into ethanol for use in consumer products, and as a renewable fuel source.
- [Inspecto \(Israel\)](#), who has developed a handheld scanner capable of detecting pollutants in fresh foods, a groundbreaking, quick, easy to operate and cost effective method for the food industry.
- [DeBatelier \(Italy\)](#), who has created a 100% organic and biodegradable material that can be used as a renewable substitute for leather and other fabrics in the garment and packaging industries.

The winners will participate in the Mass Challenge Accelerator in Israel, where they will be among 48 highly vetted teams gaining access to a world class program, mentors, investors, multinational corporations and other stakeholders.

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