

Innovative applications for the agro-food industry emerged after a creative marathon in the framework of the CAPSELLA Innovation Competition

After two days of creation and cooperation, on Friday 6 October 2017 and Saturday 7 October, 2017 the 11 teams that participated in the CAPSELLA Innovation Competition presented their imaginative solutions, products and applications for the agro-food industry. The groups that excelled in the idea's innovation, commercial exploitation, completeness and complementarity of the group and the degree of maturity of the idea were: **Agrologies, Going Organic** and **Progragros**.

Agrologies, which won the first prize, presented an application that allows farmers to manage their crops with precision and economy. The team Going Organic received the second prize, introducing an application to link organics growers directly to consumers. Finally, the third prize was received by Progragros team, which designed an application to manage data on plant varieties thriving in each place.

It is worth noting that all participating teams - **AgriTes, Agrologies, Agronauts, Build4field, Encompost, Going Organics, Iotizer, Organicons, Progragros, SoilWatcher, Vineguard** - received guidance from distinguished mentors on technological, business and agro-food issues. In addition to the € 3,000, € 2,000 cash prizes and the € 1,000 gift voucher received by the first three groups, all contestants will get access to a free quarterly entrepreneurship bootcamp to support their idea. Upon completion of the training program, the team with the best business plan will win three-months of business incubation, as well as an Innovation Tour to connect with potential partners, suppliers, investment schemes and business angels, helping them to start their business activity.

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