

BIOTECH SME AWARDS



Since their launch in 2010, the annual **Most Innovative European Biotech SME Awards** recognise exceptional small and medium-sized companies in Europe that have developed novel ways of meeting our societal, technical, and environmental problems through the application of biotechnology.

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Why an award for biotech SMEs?



Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of Europe's economy. They represent 90% of all businesses in the EU. In the past five years, they have created around 85% of new jobs and provided two-thirds of the total private sector employment in the EU.

European Commission

In other words, SMEs matter and the leaders in innovation should be recognized and rewarded.

Biotech embodies the way in which science and scientific breakthroughs can be applied to current problems.

Biotechnology pays economic, social and environmental dividends: from new therapies that can address unmet medical needs and fight epidemics and rare diseases, to industrial processes that use renewable feed stocks instead of crude oil, to drought-resistant crops that allow farmers around the world to feed more people under ever-harsher climatic conditions.