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GRTgaz launches a call for applications for a second cohort of Nova incubator companies

GRTgaz is committed to effecting an industrial, technological and digital transformation, and so has acquired an incubator for start-ups that are focused on the energy transition and technological innovation, serving industry. Eight months after the start of the Nova adventure and the launch of the first cohort, the incubator is starting to see the first results of this collaboration. GRTgaz has just announced a new call for applications in order to help innovative start-ups engaged in the industrial, energy and ecological transition with their growth, while at the same time creating synergies with the gas industry.

In November 2023, the Nova incubator will welcome a new cohort of up to five start-ups for a 12-month period. The winners will get shared working areas at GRTgaz's premises. They will also enjoy the support of its RICE research and innovation centre in the Hauts-de-Seine region. This will include access to testing areas and input from researchers for internal tests. Furthermore, the Nova incubator will provide the start-ups with bespoke technical, methodological and entrepreneurial support (market studies, economic studies, intellectual property, etc.).

Although GRTgaz is focused on finding innovative solutions to meet the strategic challenges associated with the third gas revolution, the work also focuses on the company's practices and approaches to generating shared value in relation to the fields in which we are involved.

Within the framework of the energy transition, GRTgaz is working on speeding up the development of hydrogen and renewable gases, and adapting its infrastructure. The Nova incubator needs to enable companies using it to test their own solutions, while at the same time helping GRTgaz to find solutions for achieving net zero by 2050.

"We are mutually helping one another: we – Lium, Ylssen, Lynx and Alhomna Systems, the four companies currently using the incubator – are helping GRTgaz with its transition and we are getting its teams accustomed to how start-ups operate. Nova, meanwhile, is helping us to achieve a level of development that we hardly dared hope for. We are looking to raise capital – just like all other start-ups. Investors sometimes ask to meet our clients. When they do, GRTgaz teams are keen to come with us and highlight our added value. They function as ultra facilitators", says Guilain Yvon of start-up Lium (first Nova cohort)

"We are midway through the Nova programme and have already been extremely pleasantly surprised by the quality of the support that we have been getting. Between conducting trials and the significant improvements that



we have been able to make to our product, as well as the introductions to future potential industrial clients, the benefits that we are enjoying have vastly exceeded our initial projections”, adds Guilain Yvon.

Practical information:

The call for projects can be viewed at <https://open-inno.grtgaz.com/projets/2-nova-incubateur-de-start-ups/>

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GRTgaz is Europe's second-largest gas carrier, with 32,618 km of pipes and 700 TWh of gas transported. The company has 3330 employees and generated nearly €2.1 billion in turnover in 2022. GRTgaz has a mission statement: “Together, we enable an energy future that is safe, affordable and climate neutral”. GRTgaz is an innovative company undergoing a major transformation to adapt its network to new ecological and digital challenges. It is committed to a 100% carbon-neutral French gas mix by 2050. It supports the hydrogen and renewable gas sectors (biomethane and gas from solid and liquid waste). GRTgaz carries out public service missions to guarantee the safety of gas transmission for its 879 clients (shippers, distributors, industrial companies, biomethane plants and producers). With its subsidiaries [Eleny](#), the European leader in LNG terminal services, and [GRTgaz Deutschland](#), operator of the MEGAL transmission network in Germany, GRTgaz plays a key role on the European gas infrastructure scene. The company exports its expertise internationally, in particular services developed by its research centre, [RICE](#). Find us at <https://www.grtgaz.com/>, or on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

