

# Press Release



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## GRTgaz launches new call for applications for the third cohort of start-ups for its Nova incubator

Committed to an industrial, technological and digital transformation, GRTgaz has just announced a **new call for applications** to join its Nova incubator set up 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 January 2025, the Nova incubator will welcome a new cohort of up to four 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, including access to testing areas and input from researchers. Furthermore, the Nova incubator will provide the start-ups with bespoke technical, methodological and entrepreneurial support (market studies, economic studies, expertise on intellectual property, introduction to investment funds, etc.).

GRTgaz researches innovative solutions to improve its performance and meet its targets to be carbon neutral by 2050.

The successful start-ups will be able to run experiments, draw on GRTgaz's expertise and capitalise on synergies developed with other members of the cohort.

Guilain Yvon, CEO of Lium, incubated at Nova, says: "Our collaboration with GRTgaz was a huge success. They gave us access to industrial facilities, shared their expertise, and provided financial aid as well as valuable data on the sectors they operate in, all resources that helped us to develop and grow our business. In exchange, we got to pass on our knowledge of the start-up culture and advise them on the best way to succeed in this environment."

**The call for applications** is open from now until 30 September 2024. Nova will select successful start-ups based on five key criteria: quality, feasibility, degree of innovation, compatibility and motivation.

Practical information on sourcing, the incubation process, the actions carried out and testimonials from previous incubated start-ups are [available here](#).

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](#).



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