

May 2025

GOBEYOND Innovation Prize Open Call Concludes Successfully with Over 50 Submissions

The **GOBEYOND Innovation Prize Open Call** has officially concluded, drawing substantial interest from across Europe and beyond. The call aimed to identify innovative solutions that enhance preparedness and response to geo and weather hazards—an increasingly urgent need in the face of climate change and extreme events.

A total of 55 proposals were submitted by applicants from **14 countries**, representing a diverse range of organizations including start-ups, academic and research institutions, NGOs, and private companies. Following a thorough eligibility check, **44 proposals** advanced to the evaluation phase, where they were assessed based on innovation, feasibility, and potential impact on the project's pilot sites.

FAIR Announced as Winner

After a rigorous evaluation process, the GOBEYOND consortium selected **FAIR – Forest Fire AI-based Risk Assessment** from **CIMA Research Foundation** as the winning proposal following a live pitching session in Seville, Spain, held before the consortium General Assembly.

Three finalists were invited to present their solutions to the consortium. Each finalist showcased their solution and participated in an in-depth Q&A session. After the presentations, the consortium voted to identify the proposal with the strongest potential to contribute to the project's goals.

The finalists included:

- **ShakeMapEU+** from the **Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia**: *Enhancing Earthquake Ground Shaking Information with Cascading Phenomena and Exposure Analysis in Europe*
- **FAIR** from the **CIMA Research Foundation**: *Forest Fire AI-based Risk Assessment*
- **Imagine** from **Kajo**: *Immersive Technologies for Enhanced Early Warning Communication and Emergency Management*

The GOBEYOND consortium selected **FAIR** for its data-driven approach to forest fire risk assessment using artificial intelligence, recognizing its potential to significantly enhance preparedness and response strategies in wildfire-prone regions.

The winning solution will now be integrated into the GOBEYOND platform, contributing to enhanced disaster management and resilience across Europe.

“Being part of the GOBEYOND project allows us to push the boundaries of innovation in wildfire risk management. By leveraging high-resolution data and advanced modeling, we can offer actionable insights that drive strategic decision-making and long-term resilience in the face of escalating wildfire threats.” said **Andrea Trucchia**, Senior Researcher, Wildfire Risk Management and Forest Conservation, CIMA Research Foundation.

Stay tuned for more updates as we progress with the integration of the winning solution and continue advancing our mission to improve disaster preparedness worldwide.

Learn more

For more information about the GOBEYOND Innovation Prize, please visit: <https://gobeyond-project.eu/innovation-prize-recap/>

About GOBEYOND

The GOBEYOND project is dedicated to developing solutions that improve disaster response and resilience to geo and weather hazards. The project brings together experts, research institutions, and industry leaders to deliver actionable insights and technologies that can enhance disaster resilience and preparedness.

Media Contact

Georgia Simadi, Communication & Dissemination Manager, gsimadi@draxis.gr

