



With BigBooster, 20 startups are on their way to Boston

(Lyon, France – November 10th, 2016) After three intense working days and an entire afternoon dedicated to pitching, 60+ judges have selected 20 startups that will have the opportunity to pursue their entrepreneurial journey in Boston in February 2017.

They are going to Boston – here is the class of 2017!

- **Biotech and health category - 6 startups:** CELLENION, FINEHEART, GLOMERIA THERAPEUTICS, MICROPEP TECHNOLOGIES, NOUVEAL, RHEONOVA
- **Informative Tech category – 8 startups:** ALCMEON, CLIM8, FORCITY, ITTENTION, GULPLUG, INTOUCH, MORPHOSENSE, SPEAKPLUS
- **Global Impact – 6 startups:** ABILISENSE, EHTECH, HYSILABS, SYLFEN, UBI TRANSPORTS, WENOW

Out of the 20 selected ones, **16 are coming from France** (including 8 originally from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region) and **4 coming from abroad** (Israel, Italy, Belgium and Senegal). The unveiling of the 20 selected startups to continue the adventure in Boston came with the closing of three days of excitement in the presence of **Karine Dognin-Sauze**, *Vice-President of Innovation, Smart Cities and Digital for Metropole de Lyon*, **Anne Pellet**, *Regional Councillor for Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region* and BigBooster **highly committed founding partners**. Startups will fly to Boston on February 13th until February 17th to dive in the American ecosystem.

Flashback on three days of intense work – one leitmotiv: to reveal the startups potential

Startups and mentors showed a **deep sense of kindness all along these three workdays**. All the participants had one common objective: work on the fundamentals in order to **go global well prepared**. The 92 startups jumped in hard work very quickly. From day 1, group working session with mentors went on, alongside with keynotes from top-notch speakers.

This mix of theory and practice allowed startups to challenge their ambition with the reality of the market in order to improve their value proposition and work their strategy of development. Filled with valuable feedback, applicants pitched in front of 60 judges split between the three categories of the program: Biotech and health, Informative Tech and Global Impact.

Discover or rediscover the Booster crew of judges and mentors who made this Booster Camp a success [here](#)

Partners of the project

This program is implemented thanks to the support of: the Métropole de Lyon, the city of Boston, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, Université de Lyon, MassChallenge, the French Tech, Aéroports de Lyon, Sanofi, Schneider, Caggemini Consulting, Bpifrance, Keolis, Air France, Delta, EDF, Institut Mérieux, Klesia, Cegid, TBWA Corporate, Seb and Oriol...

About BigBooster

Founded in April 2015, BigBooster is a unique international non-profit acceleration program for early-stage startups with cutting edge innovation in the fields of Bio Health, Informative Tech and Global Impact. Organized between Lyon (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France) and Boston (Massachusetts, USA), 2 worldwide renowned hubs with strong innovation ecosystems, its goal is to become the largest European competition for early-stage startups with a global outreach and namely from the Europe-Middle East-Africa zone. Bolstered by many public and private partners, BigBooster is organized by the *Fondation pour l'Université de Lyon*. For additional information, please visit: www.bigbooster.org

About the *Fondation pour l'Université de Lyon*

Created in 2012, the *Fondation pour l'Université de Lyon* was conceived out of shared belief by the region's economic sector, the University of Lyon and public stakeholders that socioeconomic development of the region and the promotion of its higher education and research go hand-in-hand. Presided over by Bernard Bigot, the Foundation supports the University of Lyon in its ambition to become one of Europe's top ten higher education and research clusters, promotes its influence on an international scale and contributes to its continuing excellence in the region.

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