



Boston Booster Camp: Here come our 10 US nominees!

(Lyon, France – February 21st, 2017) –The 20 startups who took part in the second edition of the Boston Booster Camp were deeply determined to make the most of this unique immersion. Throughout the four days of intense work and with the support of BigBooster’ partners, the startups jumped into the Boston ecosystem.

10 startups were selected as US nominees in attendance of Marty Walsh, Mayor of Boston, John Barros, Chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston, Karine Dognin-Sauze, Vice President of Lyon Metropole and Valery Freland, Consul General of France in Boston. BigBooster’s mentors and judges were all impressed by the quality and maturity of both projects presented and performance of the entrepreneurs.

Here are the 10 US nominees per category:

Informative Tech category

- Clim8
- Forcity
- In Touch
- Gulplug

Bio & Health category

- FineHeart
- Kaira Medics
- Micropep technologies

Global Impact category

- Hysilabs
- Sylfen
- UbiTransports
(BigBooster’s pick)



The 10 US nominees with BigBooster partners

A high level second edition, scaled up in content

“Thanks to the quality of the Lyon Booster Camp selection and a customized program with specific content crafted for our startups by BigBooster this week in Boston was a real success! Both our partners and the companies have experienced tough, intense, prolific networking, in a kind spirit of efficiency, under the guidance of the BigBooster team” states Anne-Marie Graffin, CEO of the international acceleration program.

A deep commitment from BigBooster partners

During these 4 intense days, institutional partners brought the fruitful synergies created between the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, the Lyon Metropole and Boston (Massachusetts) to life:

“I am thrilled that international entrepreneurs are not only coming to Boston to share innovation ecosystems, but to also highlight and collaborate on sustainability, culture, education and tourism stewardship,” said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. *“I am thankful that Lyon is such a cooperative and proactive global partner, and Big Booster’s robust and continued support of entrepreneurship helps to foster our vision of global innovation and economic development.”*

“We are proud to sustain BigBooster for this second wonderful year. The quality of the startups of the 2nd season, their ambition, and the way they improve this week is a good revelator of the power of BigBooster and of the dynamism of the ecosystems of Boston and Lyon” states Karine Dognin-Sauze, Vice-President of Lyon Metropole.



The class of 2017 with the key Boston players for startups and innovation such as Marty J. Walsh, Mayor of Boston, the BigBooster team and strategic partners.

Industrial partners shared with the startups their expertise and network thanks to a mix of mentoring sessions, panel discussions with top notch leaders and site workshops at Boston major innovation players: Schneider Electric, Mérieux Développement, Philips Research NA, Labcentral, Greentown labs, and MassChallenge...

“What a big step between the first Booster Camp of the season and this week in Boston! All startups have made tremendous progress whether they are ‘US nominees’ or not. They all won. The class of 2017 is really impressive” states Sylvain Paineau, mentor and partner, Open-Innovation Director at Schneider Electric.

One common goal: to take the leap well prepared

Startups were looking for connections and deep understanding of what it means to settle in the US. The Booster Camp truly met these expectations for all of them, providing the backstage and undisputable time savings for their international development.

US nominees share their thoughts:

“We are proud to be among the selected startups as US nominees following an intense week of work here in Boston. In Touch keeps growing and expands beyond the African continent” explains Omar Cissé, CEO at In Touch.

“Exhausted but happy! I realized and learned that the US market requires a strong preparation. I go back to Lyon with a stronger network which is an important step forward settling in the US” emphasizes Florian Miguet, CEO and co-founder at Clim8.

Next Step

The 20 startups will get together for the BigBooster Season 2 Final on April 5th- 6th in Lyon, so stay tuned!

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, Capgemini 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 startups based in Europe, Middle-East, and Africa with cutting edge innovation in the fields of Bio Health, Informative Tech and Global Impact. This program is built upon short and intense competitions called “Booster Camp”. These intense 3-days working sessions are organized in top dynamic global ecosystem such as Lyon, Boston, Shanghai, etc. 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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