

## BigBooster unveils the TOP 3 of its season 2

**(Lyon, France – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017)** Last November, 92 startups were attending the first Booster Camp of the season 2. Only 20 of them could make it to Boston and qualify for the finale. Yesterday, [Judges](#) chose the 3 winners following a last pitch session.

### Discover the TOP 3



BigBooster season 2\_ Winners and Jury's top pick with partners

- **Bio & Health: FineHeart** has created an implantable mechanical circulatory support device that is able to optimize cardiac output while preserving the heart's innate contractility. It is a game changing therapy for long term circulatory assistance in severe heart failure patients.

*"BigBooster allowed us to benefit from a real background work thanks to the support of professionals. A true team spirit was born between the startups and the BigBooster crew that will definitely last. Now, we are focusing on our clinical trials to be started in 2019. By the end of the year, we also plan to go back to the USA to lay the foundation of our establishment in the country"*  
Arnaud Mascarell, CEO of FineHeart.

- **Informative Tech: Gulplug** helps plant and building managers to monitor and save their energy consumption thanks to connected services using energy sensors.

*"I am moved and very happy for my young team and the work that has been achieved for 3 years. Considering the high level of the competition, I feel even more grateful to have been rewarded. We benefited from a tailor-made support from BigBooster crew. This award came at the perfect timing as we are currently raising €1,5 millions euros"* Xavier Pain, CEO of Gulplug.

- **Global Impact: Sylfen** develops a fully-integrated solution, for both storage and energy production, that is designed to equip buildings and districts willing to engage on the energy transition movement.

*"Each step made the adventure greater. Being part of the Boston selection was already a huge success and allowed us to experience what it takes to go global. Sylfen is currently raising € 4 millions"* Nicolas Bardi, President at Sylfen.

**Jury's top pick: InTouch** is an African startup that provides mobile payments and digital services aggregator.

The award ceremony took place in presence of Juliette Jarry- Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Karine Dognin-Sauze - Métropole de Lyon, Lauren Jones – City of Boston, Olivier Althuser – Aéroports de Lyon, Sylvain Paineau - Schneider Electric, Michel Coster – EM Lyon, Benoit Pradet – CapGemini Consulting...

## 15 startups have been selected to participate to the first Chinese Booster Camp in September:

- **Bio & Health:** FineHeart - Kaira Medics - Neolys diagnostics
- **Informative Tech:** Alcméon - Gulplug - InTouch
- **Global Impact:** Abilisense – Cyleone - Echy – Forcity - Hydrao - Hysilabs – Sylfen- Ubi Transports - Wair



*BigBooster\_season2\_winners and selected startups for China*

*“When thinking about going global, China is a necessary stop. BigBooster now operates in 4 continents: Europe – Asia – Africa- America”* explains Didier Hoch, Chairman of BigBooster.

More information to come in the coming months about the Booster Camps of Shanghai and Shenzhen 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 Electric, Capgemini Consulting, Bpifrance, Keolis, Air France, Delta, EDF, Institut Mérieux, Klesia, Cegid, TBWA Corporate, Seb, Oriol, Michelin, BNP Paribas and Lafarge Holcim...

### 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](http://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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