

EU & India Electrical Vehicle Battery Recycling Technologies Exchange 2024 Terms & Conditions

§1 Introduction

The EU & India Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling Technologies Exchange 2024 encompasses applications and participation from start-ups to pitch or showcase during an Online Matchmaking event in May 2024 and a subsequent visit to India in Autumn 2024. All activities are coordinated by the Delegation of the European Union to India.

The main purpose of facilitating application information, including personal data, is to be able to offer a platform at the event to boost awareness for selected start-ups. Applications will be viewed by the Delegation of the European Union to India team members associated with the specific activity applied for, as well as select individuals outside of the Delegation of the European Union to India who are part of the review and or programme process.

§2 Application & Participation

By submitting an application, you agree that:

- 1) You are legally permitted to do so on behalf of the company or entity you represent.
- 2) Your application information can be shared with partner(s) of the activity who may contact you independently (can be opted out later).
- 3) You may receive marketing or communication material from the Delegation of the European Union to India and its associated partners (can be opted out later).
- 4) You will maintain the integrity and competitive character of the programme by providing truthful information and refraining from any nongenuine behaviour.
- 5) If selected, your conduct will keep with the Delegation of the European Union to India intention to create a safe and respectful event.
- 6) All selected start-ups are required to follow while attending the event.
- 7) All start-ups selected for the EU & India Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling Technologies Exchange 2024 programme will be included in a 'start-up catalogue' that will be shared by the Delegation of the European Union to India with interested stakeholders and solution adopters attending. This may include company name, company website, short technology description, information related to market readiness, company HQ location and pitch deck. The purpose of this is to boost awareness of participating start-ups and help facilitate relevant connections between stakeholders.
- 8) The European Delegation to India shall not be liable for delays in receipt of EOI documents after the stipulated date and time. EOIs submitted without supporting documents will be summarily rejected.
- 9) The European Delegation to India reserves the right to reject or accept any or all applications, cancel/withdraw the EOI process without assigning any reason whatsoever, and in such case, APPLICANT shall not have any claim arising out of such action. Language of the responses to EOI or any query/clarifications/correspondences shall be in English only.
- 10) APPLICANTS shall mention the name and contact details of two persons, with complete address, phone number and email id in the application form.
- 11) The European Delegation to India may, at its sole discretion, ask for additional information/documents and/ or seek clarifications from the APPLICANT(s) after the Deadline for submission of response, inter alia.

§3 Timeline & Admissibility

The present call for Expression of Interest is open until 30th April. After the cut-off date, the following process will apply:

1. Submission of online application before cut-off date
2. First evaluation round by a panel of experts based on online application form data
3. Acceptance/rejection notification and written feedback on the application provided
4. Shortlisted start-ups are invited to a second round of evaluation (i.e., online pitches)
5. Acceptance/rejection notification and written feedback on the application provided
6. Start of the on and offline activities.

Incomplete applications may be considered inadmissible if essential elements are missing.

§4 Eligibility

To be considered eligible for the programme, applicants must be start-ups or SMEs in the field of battery recycling and comply with the eligibility criteria published in the Call for Expression of Interest.

§5 Selection Procedure

Online Application

Applicants must submit by 30th April 2024 an online application form where they should illustrate: India relevance, technology and IP, traction and impact, market and competition, business model, revenue actuals and projections, team composition, expertise and installed based.

Online Evaluation

The first evaluation round is performed online by a carefully selected panel of experts in the EV battery recycling sector (entrepreneurs, academia, and government officials) to evaluate the (potential) impact of the company in India and the alignment of the application with the underlying objectives of the programme: the best applications passing this screening will be invited to pitch their idea to a panel of experts in an online session. After the first evaluation round, every start-up receives written feedback on the evaluation of their application.

Online Interviews

Technology Deep Dives and selection: A carefully selected panel of experts in the EV battery recycling sector (entrepreneurs, academia, and government officials) will evaluate each start-up based on the criteria mentioned below during Technology Deep Dives. Evaluators will especially consider (potential) impact of the start-up, the economic viability as well as technical and India readiness levels.

Selection Parameters

Team & Talent: Does the team have the necessary skills to be successful? Experience: Where did the team come from - past ventures, employment, academic background?

Product suitability: Product-Market-Fit & Traction in Home market/ other geography as well as Adaptability to Indian market needs

Operational readiness: Is the company's team large and prepared enough to cater to Indian/ International markets? Are relevant basic Marketing, Sales and Delivery processes in place to cater to Indian clients?

Financial readiness: Does the funding stage/ available resources match their ambition to enter the Indian market, risk to company during entry process.

Benefit to Company: How much impact can the programme generate for the start-up.

Matchmaking Event

Selected companies will get the opportunity to present themselves during the matchmaking event. Selection of the winners for the trip to India will be selected based on the performance and interest from the market and Indian stakeholders.

§6 Publicity

The companies selected must support the promotion of the programme, by providing targeted information in a strategic and effective manner.

For the purposes of their obligations, the selected companies may use the online references of the Delegation of the European Union and the EU emblem without first obtaining approval.

The Delegation of the European Union to India may use, for its communication and publicising activities, information relating to the action, documents notably summaries for publication as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material that it receives from the participants (including in electronic form). The Delegation of the European Union to India will publish the name of the funded companies, their origin, and its nature and purpose — unless they have requested to waive this publication (because disclosure risks threatening its security and safety or harm its commercial interest).

Photos and videos taken by the Delegation of the European Union to India during the programme's events where the selected companies will feature are the sole property of Delegation of the European Union to India.

§7 Dissemination and Exploitation of Results

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. By submitting their application applicants warrant that they hold ownership or have legally secured the right to use all elements of the innovative product or service and that the provided materials and information do not infringe any intellectual or other property rights, including patents, of any other persons, companies, or other entities. Elements of the submission that are based on rights held by others, such as patents, shall be marked as such in the submission. The Delegation of the European Union to India and their authorised representatives in the programme undertake to ensure the confidentiality of the projects presented. By submitting the application within the programme, applicants consent that the Delegation of the European Union to India and its partners will collect, transfer, process, store and delete your data under abovementioned conditions. The selected companies agree that their data as well as non-confidential information about their project, may be used by the Delegation of the European Union to India and their authorised representatives without compensation for promotion of their activities.

§8 Processing of personal data

Any personal data will be processed by the Delegation of the European Union to India and its partners in accordance with the EEAS privacy statement: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/privacy-statements-data-protection-notices_en

The participants must process personal data in compliance with applicable EU and national law on data protection (including authorisations or notification requirements, if any), see the GDPR recommendations.

§9 Ethics

The activities must be carried out in compliance with a) ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity) and b) applicable international, EU and national law. The participants must ensure that the activities of their company have an exclusive focus on civil applications. The participants must respect the highest standards of research integrity — as set out, for instance, in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

§10 Security

The activities must be carried out in compliance with Commission Decision 2015/444, security-sensitive information must be EU-classified, if its unauthorised disclosure could adversely impact the interests of the EU or of one (or more) of its Member States. Applications that are too security-sensitive cannot be admitted to the programme.

§11 Conflict of Interest

The participants must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective award of the benefits of the programme is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interest'). They must inform the Delegation of the European Union to India without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation. The Delegation of the European Union to India may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

§12 Liability for damages

The Delegation of the European Union to India cannot be held liable for any damage caused to the participants or to third parties because of the programme, including for gross negligence. The Delegation of the European Union to India cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the participants in the context of the programme.

§13 Cancellation of the programme

The Delegation of the European Union to India may cancel the programme or decide not to award any of the aforementioned prizes— without any obligation to compensate participants —, if: a) no applications are received, b) the jury does not find a winner c). the winner(s) is not eligible or must be excluded.

§14 Terms & Conditions

By submitting their application, applicants agree to the Terms and Conditions. The Delegation of the European Union to India reserves the right to make reasonable amendments to these Terms and Conditions. Amendments and additions to these Terms and Conditions shall be valid if communicated in writing on the Delegation of the European Union to India website or otherwise made available to the applicants. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of Belgium. Any disagreement or dispute which may arise in connection with these Terms and Conditions which cannot be settled amicably will be brought before the courts of Brussels, Belgium.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, under no circumstances and under no legal theory whether in tort (including negligence) contract or otherwise shall the Delegation of the European Union to India and its partners involved in this activity be liable for any special indirect, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including loss of profit. You may withdraw your application any time by informing us by email or withdrawing your registration any time.

§15 Contact

For queries, contact info@ttceuindiapilot.eu

I have read, understand, and hereby agree to the outlined Terms & Conditions.