

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

IDEAS TRACK

A On a personal level

- You are an Algerian national or legal resident of Algeria.
- You demonstrate strong motivation to develop your idea within the incubation process.
- You commit to actively participating in workshops, coaching sessions, and follow-up activities.
- You commit to regular reporting on progress and milestones.
- You comply with all obligations set out in the participation agreement.

B On a business level

- Present an idea, concept, or early-stage prototype in agriculture, agrifood, or agritech.
- Must not have previously received a grant for this specific project from any source.

Restrictions

Non-residents are ineligible regardless of nationality.

C Application and Selection Process

Applications are open from **3 August 2026** to **10 September 2026**. The first-stage online form takes approximately 10–15 minutes to complete and is reviewed on a rolling basis. Eligible candidates receive an invitation to a second stage by 17 September 2026 and then have 72 hours to submit additional information.

Second-stage documents required:

- ID card or passport
- Proof of Concept or pitch deck
- 1–2 minute presentation video

Applicants may be invited to a brief clarification interview. Results are communicated to all applicants during the first week of October 2026.

D Selection Criteria

Selection criteria are scored 1-5 independently by two reviewers; the average of both scores determines the final rating, with a maximum base score of 100 points.

- S1: **Clarity & relevance of the solution (25%)**: assesses whether the applicant articulates a clear, specific problem and a coherent, sector-relevant solution.
- S2: **Innovation & differentiation (20%)**: assesses whether the approach is genuinely novel or meaningfully adapted to the Algerian agritech context.
- S3: **Potential impact (15%)**: assesses articulated social, environmental, or economic impact (food security, climate adaptation, income generation).
- S4: **Motivation & commitment (10%)**: assesses clarity, specificity, and authenticity of the applicant's reasons for applying.
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E Bonus Criteria

Bonus points are added after averaging reviewer scores.

- B1: **Woman-led venture (+10 points)**: applies when the project is founded or co-led by a woman.
- B2: **Rural or peri-urban targeting (+10 points)**: applies when the project is based in or primarily targets a rural or peri-urban area of Algeria.
- B3: Candidate who has completed a full incubation or acceleration programme in agritech (**programme completed, with supporting certificate**) (+10 points): University programmes are not counted.
- B4: Candidate whose project lead is **under 40 years old (+10 points)**.

Maximum total score (base + bonus): 140 points.