



6 Editions

Tourism and destinations Gastronomy Tourism Sport Tourism Rural Tourism

Global Network

5400+ Startups

150+ States

300+ Investors

45 € million Support



The world's largest call for ready-to-implement solutions Healing for People, Prosperity and Destinations

Participants

CHALLENGE

1183 Applications

30 Semi-Finalists

9 Top Solutions

Regions

36,9% The Americas

36,9% Europe

11,5% Africa

9,6% Asia & the Pacific

5,0% Middle East

Digital Presentation

9000+

Attendees

Interaction

with Ministers



Most used technologies

Virtual & Augmented Reality
Internet of Things
Artificial Intelligence
Big Data
Blockchain

Next Steps

Connecting solutions with Member States for piloting

Already working with the Canary Islands and Ibiza





A joint effort



boosted by



































Looking for

Startups from all walks of life, from all over the world and all economic sectors are invited to participate if meeting the following criteria

- Innovative in nature providing valueadded solutions
- Sustainability-driven
- Scalable: to have potential for international growth and potential to be applied in corporations and destinations

- Early Stage or Series A
- With a tested pilot and business plan
- With a past acceleration
- ▶ With a full-time team



Tourism, driving sustainability





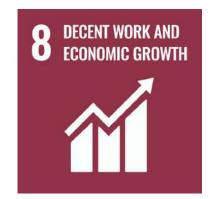












1 in 10 jobs worldwide are in

tourism
UNWTO (2019)

of people employed in tourism are women

UNWTO (2019)

7% of global **exports**

UNWTO (2019)

Most democratic sector with

both global and local

impact





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billion arrivals reached in 2019
UNWTO (2020)

of the Global Unicorn Club corresponds to travel

CBInsights (2020)

Leading smart destinations strategies and data-driven governments





Delivering impact

Winning startups will get support to grow and start advancing during this Decade of Action

Pitch round

at a UNWTO Demo day

Curated mentorship programme

One-on-one and in-group sessions focused on Intellectual Property (IP), sustainability, business and leadership

Technological support

Access to technology

Connection to the UNWTO Innovation Network

Potential matchmaking with partners to scale up the startups, including investors, corporations and governments







The Decade of Action is an opportunity to unleash a new wave of implementation efforts that will deliver for people and planet.

Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General







Apply now!

Set innovation and sustainability as the new normal

https://www.unwto.org/unwto-sustainable-development-goals-global-startup-competition

