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EPoSS Start-up Award 2026

Dear Applicant,

Please answer the questions below in your application document and in your presentation if you are invited to Braga, Portugal to pitch as a finalist.

The jury should get the impression that you are a promising young enterprise with innovative business idea, product or service related to **Smart Systems Integration** – and with high potential to grow.

Please try to keep the given order of topics and do not exceed the limit of five pages.

The applications should be submitted to contact@smart-systems-integration.org by **May 8, 2026**.

Kind regards and good luck!

EPoSS Start-Up Award Committee

Please cover the following topics:

1. Company purpose
2. Problem
3. Solution
4. Why now?
5. Market size
6. Product
7. Team
8. Business model
9. Competition
10. Financials

You are also welcome to mention **some of the Milestones achieved** during your product-service start-up process, e.g.:

- Idea conceptualization
- Market research
- Business plan creation
- Testing the waters
- Finding your co-founders
- Making key hires
- Building a board
- Prototypes and beta testing
- Launch of a minimum viable product
- Expanding early adopters and users
- Gaining revenues
- Proof of demand and potential for scale
- Breakeven point

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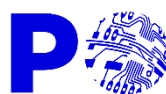
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POEMS Startup Award



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**Portuguese
Competence
Centre in
Semiconductors**

For the first time, the Portuguese Chips Competence Centre **POEMS** will hold a **Startup Award** competition this year – together with the EPoSS Start-up Award! The POEMS Startup Award targets innovative start-ups from Portugal developing activities within semiconductor-related areas, including technology- and design-driven solutions. The award aims to highlight high-potential ventures and connect them with the national and European semiconductor ecosystem, in alignment with the Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU) and the activities of the POEMS Portuguese Competence Centre in Semiconductors.

The application procedure for the POEMS Startup Award is the same as for the EPoSS award, see above. For your application to be considered for the POEMS startup award as well as the EPoSS Start-up Award, please submit your application to contact@smart-systems-integration.org AND poems@poemscentre.eu by May 8, 2026.

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