



Startup Day Unibo 2026 awaits you on June 24, 2026, within the international setting of WMF - We Make Future, located in Hall 29 of BolognaFiere. A day entirely dedicated to the innovation ecosystem, where you can explore the exhibition area to connect directly with the 15 exhibition teams and the 3 main sponsors of the event. The program will run in parallel across three key spaces: the "Pitch Arena", the exceptional stage reserved for pitches from the University's entrepreneurial projects; the "Entrepreneurship" stage, the arena dedicated to roundtables, talks, and discussions with industry experts; and finally the "Masterclass" area, the exclusive educational space for practical workshops led by our Partners.

## OPENING & INSTITUTIONAL WELCOMES

**10:15 - 11:00**

### Opening & Institutional Welcomes

Opening of the day with representatives and vice-rectors from the Region's Universities and strategic local partners.

**Speakers:** Antonella Munna (University of Bologna - ARIN Director), Marina Silverii (Operational Director, ART-ER), Daniel Milanese (Rector's Delegate for Technology Transfer - University of Parma), Enrico Bracci (Vice-Rector for Third Mission – University of Ferrara), Marcello Pinti (Deputy Vice-Rector for Third Mission – University of Modena and Reggio Emilia), Claudio Chiti (Intesa Sanpaolo), Rita Ghedini (President, Legacoop Bologna)

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**11:15 - 11:30**

### Institutional welcomes on the WMF - We Make Future Mainstage.

**Speaker:** Prof. Claudio Melchiorri (University of Bologna Delegate for Relations with Businesses and Industrial Research)

## PITCH ARENA

**11:15 - 12:15**

### Group A: Deep Tech

Projects developing innovative products, solutions, or processes based on digital, industrial, or engineering technologies, including both software and hardware components.

#### Entrepreneurial Teams:

- Audio Entertainment System
- ByTrail
- CertiMed
- CropSense
- CucciaVeloce
- Feedback
- Kiber AI
- Portable washing machine using a single-phase induction motor
- TESSA
- WearAware

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**12:15 - 13:15**

### **Group B: Environmental Sustainability**

Projects for climate change mitigation and adaptation, promoting efficient resource use, reducing environmental impact, and proposing green and circular solutions.

#### **Entrepreneurial Teams:**

- AetherID
- AfriGreen24
- BeeHouse 5.0
- EcoMats (ecological mats for agriculture)
- exceLCA
- LESA
- PhytoNexa
- RèVitrèa
- SURPLAYERS

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**14:30 - 15:00**

### **Group C: Health & Life Science**

Projects developing solutions, technologies, and services to improve health, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life.

#### **Entrepreneurial Teams:**

- ALMA
- MDV (Medical Data Value)
- Neumami - Naso elettronico alimentare
- OncoNet
- Phaged-it

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**15:15 - 16:15**

### **Group D: Cultural and Creative Industries**

Projects generating value for society, improving people's well-being, or promoting culture, inclusion, and learning.

#### **Entrepreneurial Teams:**

- Coherence
- CommunitE
- EasyBonus
- EUni
- My Genetics Tools
- NEPT Manager (Neuropsychological Epileptic Pediatric Training)
- PATTI
- UNNA
- Wheel Go

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16:30 - 17:00

### Group E: Entrepreneurial Teams from ER Universities

Innovative projects and initiatives born within the Universities of the Emilia-Romagna Region, aimed at fostering regional synergy and widespread technology transfer within the local ecosystem.

#### Entrepreneurial Teams:

- **HIVA** (Giancarlo Curci - UNIFE): A modular software platform designed to support the analysis, interpretation, and quantitative comparison of human immunological data, progressively evolving toward predictive immune response applications. Transforms complex data for R&D.
- **PREBAR TEAM** (Pranjal Pandya - UNIPR): A Food Tech / Circular Economy project. PreBar is a prebiotic chocolate bar made using bakery waste to reduce food waste, lower raw material costs, and integrate healthy probiotic elements.
- **VeryTwin** (Edoardo Guglielmi - UNIMORE): Addressing the lack of transparency in insurance claims management. A B2B2C platform for insured clients that makes the claims journey clear and trackable, backed by letters of intent from industry players.
- **Ekora** (Fatemeh Farsadnia - UNIFE): Sustainable Agriculture Technology – GRUPANIC. Restoring soil health in the Po Delta using a locally produced soil amendment enriched with salinity-resilient fungi, leveraging 100% local agricultural waste.
- **Crearchio** (Sukru Durak - UNIPR): An XR startup transforming Italian cultural heritage into interactive digital experiences (PC, mobile, VR, MR). Combines 3D modeling and immersive storytelling, featuring an MR experience for the Pilotta Complex in Parma.
- **Arioflex** (Luca - UNIMORE): Breaking the compromise between protection and freedom for track riders. Offers an effective spinal column protection device that disappears from the rider's perception without sacrificing agility.

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## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

11:15 - 12:00

### Roundtable - Female Entrepreneurship

A discussion focused on the role of female leadership within the startup ecosystem, featuring growth and empowerment stories shared through the University's Alumni network.

**Speakers:** Francesca Cavazzoni (Daidalos - Founder), Zofishan Abbasi (Tukeasy - Founder / Almae Matris Alumni Association), Rosanna Spanò (BAM! Strategie Culturali)

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12:15 - 13:00

### Roundtable - Innovation Ecosystem

A comparison between regional incubation and technology transfer players on opportunities and services supporting new businesses.

**Speakers:** Claudio Chiti (Intesa Sanpaolo), Luca Grosso (Legacoop Bologna), Sara Monesi (ART-ER), Laura Toschi (Almacube)

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16:30 - 17:15

### Roundtable - Investments for Innovation

Venture Capitalists and experts analyze the metrics needed to capture the attention of institutional investors and launch successful funding rounds.

**Speakers:** Andrea Basso (MitoTech - Investor), Edoardo Guerrieri (FNDX VC - Investor / Almae Matris Alumni Association), Francesca Badiali (Plug and Play - Investor strategist / Almae Matris Alumni Association), Arianna Tibuzzi (Obloo Ventures - Investor)

Moderator: Shiva Loccisano | Language: ITA

## MASTERCLASS

<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>Workshop Almacube - Open Innovation</b> From Theory to Reality: how to transform research into concrete innovation. Practical guidance to discover University programs, listen to other students' experiences, and learn how to acquire key skills. <b>Speaker:</b> Alessandro Cacace <i>Language: ITA</i>
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>Masterclass: How to pitch</b> How to Pitch: Strategies for a successful pitch. Commercial techniques to structure an effective presentation in front of investors. <b>Coach:</b> Tiberiu Iacomi - Startup Coach <i>Language: ENG</i>
<b>14:30 - 15:30</b>	<b>Almacube Workshop - Advanced Incubation and Startups</b> Behind the scenes of a Startup: What it really takes to make it. Real stories told by two founders and practical tips on how to launch your idea and receive the right support. <b>Speakers:</b> Nicole Monti, Michele Lorubio and Federica Tadini <i>Language: ITA</i>
<b>15:30 - 16:30</b>	<b>Legacoop Bologna Workshop - ChangeMakers Call</b> Giving shape to ideas. A free workshop dedicated to setting up an entrepreneurial project with shared ownership and focused on impact generation, introducing the Coopstartup Changemakers 2026 methodology. <i>Please fill out the following form (<a href="#">Registration Form</a>) to register for the workshop "Giving shape to ideas @ Startup Day".</i> <b>Speakers:</b> Chiara Cenerini e Gilberto Cavallina <i>Language: ITA</i>
<b>16:30 - 17:30</b>	<b>Workshop - Internationalization hosted by Monx Legal and Search On Media Group</b> "Build, scale and thrive: finance and legal strategies for international growth" — A practical session for founders, startups and professionals on how to build international companies in a borderless economy. From incorporation strategy and remote banking to distributed teams, taxation and global scaling, this panel explores the operational and strategic tools needed to compete internationally from day one. <b>Speakers:</b> Enrico Mariani (Co-founder & CEO of Monx Legal), Stefano Passarello (CVO - Monx Legal) <i>Language: ENG</i>

## FINAL AWARDS & EVENT CLOSING

<b>17:45 - 18:30</b>	Awarding of special prizes and recognition provided by partners and incubators to the most deserving teams from the pitch sessions. <b>Awards Presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Almacube Advanced Incubation Award: Presented by Nicole Monti (Almacube Startup Unit)</li><li>• Legacoop Award: Collective Horizon: Presented by Luca Grosso (Legacoop Bologna)</li><li>• Legacoop Award: Sharing Sustainability: Presented by Luca Grosso (Legacoop Bologna)</li><li>• Almaticoo Award: THINKFORFOOD: Presented by Luca Grosso (AlmaVico)</li><li>• MUG - EmilBanca Award: Presented by Vittoria Sanpietro (MUG - EmilBanca)</li><li>• International Mindset Awards - powered by ART-ER (x2): Presented by Sara Monesi (ART-ER)</li><li>• CesenaLab Advanced Incubation Awards (x3): Presented by Alberto Simoncini (CesenaLab)</li><li>• UNA.Europa International Award: Presented by Francesco Girotti (UNA.Europa)</li><li>• Geeks Growth Award: Presented for Startup Geeks</li><li>• IPR Award (Unibo): Presented by Luca Scipioni (Bugnion)</li></ul> <i>Moderator: Nikola Greku   Language: ITA</i>
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