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### **Saint-Gobain announces the winners of the 2018 Business Challenge organized with BeMyApp**

**Saint-Gobain has awarded the prizes for the third Saint-Gobain Business Challenge in France, after the finals were held in Paris under the chairmanship of Pierre-André de Chalendar, Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.**

Strongly commitment to sustainable development and fighting climate change, this year, Saint-Gobain asked the students and start-ups to reinvent the circular economy in the building industry. According to the latest statistics, 350 million metric tons of worksite waste is produced in France every year. This waste accounts for 40 percent of all solid waste. Given these figures, the building industry needs to reinvent its circular economy to convert some of this waste into new raw materials through reuse or recycling.

A total of 44 start-up teams and 340 student teams from 48 business, engineering and IT schools entered this year's competition. Among them, five start-up teams and five student teams were shortlisted to compete in front of the final jury.

The first prize in the start-up category was given to the project "Construire demain" presented by SYSCOBAT. SYSCOBAT designs, produces and distributes a low-carbon process. It makes it possible to build better by limiting errors and defects, as well as being faster and more efficient by using components manufactured in an industrial environment. It is also more modern thanks to the provision of innovative digital services, and cleaner as it eliminates worksite waste.

The first prize in the student category was awarded to the project "Recycling to hand" designed by a students' team from INSA Rennes (engineering school in Brittany, France). The "Recycling to hand" project involves installing special compartment bins for use by worksite personnel. The aim is to achieve 100% sorted waste at the worksite gate to improve how each type of waste is recycled.

The full list of prizes can be consulted on the following website: <https://business-challenge-2018.saint-gobain.com/>

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BeMyApp is a digital transformation and developer relations agency. We connect companies with innovators and help build developer and startup ecosystems through formats such as white-label hackathons, workshops, incubators, online conferences and more, on a global scale.

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