



Guidelines, Application and Cancellation Rules

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1 Participation and Event details

The entirety of the ROTORTHON 2026 will last from the 14th of September to the 9th of October 2026.

The challenge will be divided into two phases, both online.

The number of participants for the second phase of the ROTORTHON 2026 is three (3) teams consisting of a maximum of three (3) members; it is open to non-EUROAVIANS.

1.1 Selection of participants and first phase of the challenge

Selection of the participants is performed as explained below.

To participate in the online challenge, applicants must form a team consisting of exactly three members. All the applicants must be students. As the first phase of the challenge, each team must shoot and submit a short-form video addressing a specific topic provided by European Rotors. The details and guidelines for this topic will be published once the application period ends. All videos and team registrations must be submitted via email to rotorthon.online@euroavia.eu until the **20th of September 2026 at 12:00 UTC** (teams will be asked for authorisation to use the reel as promotional material). After the submission time ends, a team composed of EUROAVIA & European Rotors will determine the three (3) participating teams that will pass to the second phase.

The video will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. Enthusiasm
2. Quality (of the video)
3. Creativity and skills
4. Diversity
5. International balance (not three teams from France/or Italy or...)

The theme of the video will be revealed once the competition starts.

A list of participants will be made, in case those selected are no longer available.

1.2 Second phase of the challenge

The Rotorthon competition focuses on innovation in the VTOL sector.

The second phase of the online challenge is a seven (7) day challenge which will start on the 28th of September 2026, at the end of which the teams shall deliver their solution to the problem proposed.

The topic of the online challenge, which will remain secret until the second phase starts, is proposed by one of the Technical Jury members and agreed on by the rest of the Jury.

The teams will also have the possibility to attend a Q&A session with the technical jury on September 30 to ask questions and clarify any doubts on the proposed challenge.

1.2.1 Required material

The teams are required to deliver the following:

1. Abstract summarising the solution. The abstract shall be of a maximum of 250 words.
2. Presentation explaining their solution. The presentation shall be in .pdf or .pptx format and of a maximum of 20 slides.
3. Video in which the presentation (explained in point 2) is interactively showcased. The video shall be of a maximum of 15 minutes.

1.2.2 Delivery Procedure

The material shall be delivered via email to rotorthon.online@euroavia.eu no later than October 5th, 12:00 UCT.

All materials (see [paragraph 1.2.1](#)) must be delivered prior to the deadline, and no late deliveries are accepted.

1.2.3 Evaluation process

In the days after the delivery, the teams shall attend a 15-minute Q&A session with the Technical Jury regarding their proposed solution.

The quality of both the solution and the materials is accounted for.

The winner of the online challenge is announced after all solutions have been revised.

1.3 Prize for the winning team

The winning team will get the opportunity to attend the European Rotors conference in Lyon from the 30th of November to the 3rd of December completely for free. They will be provided with accommodation for four (4) nights, from the 29th of November 2026 to the 4th of December 2026, and local transportation.

Arrival and departure will be paid for by the participants and must be arranged by them; this cost will then be refunded.

Additionally, each team member of the winning team will receive travel support, reimbursed upon submission of the necessary receipts.

1.4 Timeline of the event

Date and time	Action
10 th of August at 12:00 UTC	Application opens
6 th of September at 12:00 UTC	Application closes
7 th of September at 12:00 UTC	Confirmation emails sent
14 th of September	Start of the Rotorthon 2026
20 th of September at 12:00 UTC	Deadline for the submission of the short-form video
26 th of September	Announcement of the three (3) finalist teams
28 th of September	Delivering of the online challenge
30 th of September	Q&A Session with the technical jury
5 th of October at 12:00 UTC	Deadline for the materials of the online challenge
9 th of October	Final presentations and evaluations and announcement of the winning team

2 Application Rules

To apply as a participant of the event, you must fill out the form available on the website <https://rotorthon.euroavia.eu>.

You can either apply as a **team** or **individually** and be placed in a team.

If you apply for the Online Challenge **individually**, you will be put in touch with the rest of your team in order to create an application video together.

10th of August 2026 at 12:00 UTC

Applications open.

The applications are processed in a “*first come, first served*” way.

06th of September 2026 at 12:00 UTC

Applications close.

7th of September 2026

Confirmation emails for the applicants will be sent to each team.

3 Participation Fee and Payment

The participation fee for the challenge is free.

4 Cancellation Rules

In the case that a member has been confirmed by the organising committee to participate in the ROTORTON 2026, but, for any reason, is unable to participate in the event, there is an option of cancelling the participation.

In order to do so, the member will have to send an email to rotorthon.online@euroavia.eu stating the reason for the cancellation.

5 Confidentiality and Intellectual Property

The organisers will not take responsibility for any action taken by a participant and infringements of the confidentiality of the projects presented in this competition.

Therefore, the participants are encouraged to take all possible prevention measures to protect the information or the technical elements which can be subjected to Intellectual Property before taking part in the event.

The participants commit themselves to inform the organisers about their Intellectual Property rights which are eligible for the work developed in this competition.

The participants are not giving in its totality the rights that could arise from the ideas developed during the competition. However, they authorize to use of parts of the development or the ideas for the dissemination of the event and the promotion of the candidates. Hence, this authorisation is done in order to help promote the competition, and it is a non-exclusive and non-limited-time cession.

Any other matter related to the Intellectual Property rights will be regulated by the corresponding European regulation: Directive (EU) 2019/790 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on copyright and related rights in the Digital Single Market and amending Directives 96/9/EC and 2001/29/EC.

This authorisation may be restricted if demanded by the company to be in accordance with the confidentiality of the project.