



Finnish company Weefiner Oy wins the Nordic Innovation Award

The Nordic Innovation Award was presented in Oslo on 21 May 2026. The Finnish company Weefiner won the award for its groundbreaking innovation. The company's CTO, Elmeri Lahtinen, was presented with the award in Oslo.

Weefiner's solution was honoured with the Nordic Innovation Award 2026 among five finalists from the Nordic countries. The Nordic Innovation Award was presented for the second time in collaboration between the IP authorities in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

In selecting Weefiner Oy as this year's winner, the Nordic jury highlighted the company's groundbreaking 4D Scavenger® technology, which enables selective recovery of valuable raw materials from industrial process waters. The jury also recognized the innovation's significant environmental and economic impact across multiple industries, as well as the company's strong and well-considered approach to intellectual property protection.

Antti Riivari, Director General of the Patent and Registration Office and the Chair of the Nordic jury, says:

"I am pleased that the Finnish company Weefiner won this high-level competition, which was now organised for the second time. The Nordic Innovation Award is an excellent opportunity to highlight innovations from Nordic companies. The large number of outstanding innovations participating in the competition highlights the strength, potential, and expertise of Nordic innovation and economies. Through this competition, we also want to remind companies of the importance of protecting their intellectual property. All five finalists are excellent examples of this."

[Watch a video of the winner of the Nordic Innovation Award 2026.](#)

[Read more about Weefiner Oy as well as about FabPatch Ltd and Onego Bio Ltd, which were awarded honourable mentions by the Finnish jury.](#)

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Nordic Innovation Award

The Nordic Innovation Award is an annual award presented to companies that demonstrate a commitment to sustainable innovation and have a strong IPR strategy. The competition was established by the Nordic intellectual property offices to promote

sustainable and responsible innovation.

Next year, the competition will be hosted in Finland by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH).

[More information about the competition is available on the competition website.](#)

Finnish Winners 2026

In addition to Weeefiner, the Finnish jury gave two honorary mentions in the competition to the innovations of FabPatch Oy and Onego Bio Ltd.

[Read more about the awarded Finnish companies.](#)

Other Nordic Finalists 2026

- Swedish company Grale, whose innovation replaces fossil-based plastics with biodegradable, plant-based materials. www.grale.com
- Danish company Sonus Fishery, which has developed an acoustic solution for trawlers to guide fish movements and reduce the amount of unwanted species ending up in fishing nets. www.sonusfishery.com
- Icelandic technology company Hefring Marine, which uses artificial intelligence and real-time data to develop a marine control system that improves safety, increases fuel efficiency and ensures vessel performance. www.hefringmarine.com
- Norwegian biotechnology company Lybe Scientific, which has developed a faster and more sensitive method for analysing biological material. www.lybescientific.com