The AMR Award 2026

The Aircraft Material Recycling (AMR) award is for the best step forward in improving recycling of aircraft materials

The AMR Award is organized by AFRA and Aethos to promote innovative step forward to recycling materials left behind after an aircraft is disassembled. We take pride in the effective reuse of components. Additionally, there's incredible creativity in repurposing aircraft sections—like transforming a cockpit into a pilot trainer. There will, however, always be material left. Some of those materials are now recycled, while most are downcycled, incinerated or landfilled. Aviation needs to show that we take responsible steps where possible, recycling better than before. That's why we are launching an annual award to recognize the most significant advancement in aircraft material recycling—open to everyone such as individuals, companies, researchers, or foundations.

How can you participate?

Complete the attached form and ensure that we receive your participation form no later than **May 1, 2026**. Submit it as a digital .pdf file to AMRaward@aethos.aero. Please note that each participant should only submit one application; if multiple submissions are received, only the first one will be considered.

What the Winner Receives

The AMR Trophy
A custom trophy will be created, incorporating an element inspired by your winning solution. You'll have the honor of keeping the trophy for one year, after which it must be returned.
Each year, a new feature representing the next winning solution will be added—symbolizing ongoing innovation in aircraft material recycling.

A Commemorative Photo
You'll receive a framed photo capturing the moment you receive the award—a keepsake to proudly display and highlight your contribution to advancing sustainable aviation practices.

€5,000 Prize
The winner will receive €5,000 to further develop their recycling solution.
Please note: proof of investment in the project will be required before the prize money is disbursed.

What Is the Process?

- **Submit on Time:**
  All participation forms must be received by **May 1, 2026**.
- **Evaluation:**
  Applications will be reviewed and scored by the **AMR Committee**, which includes **three board members from AFRA and three from Aethos** (six members total).
- **Scoring:**
  Each committee member will award **1 to 5 points** to each submission.
- **Winner Selection:**
  The submission with the **highest total score** will be selected as the winner.
- **In Case of a Tie:**
  If there is a tie for the highest score, committee members will resolve it by ranking the tied entries.
  For example, if there are three tied candidates, each committee member will assign **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place points** to help determine the final order.
  If a tie remains after this ranking, the **prize will be divided equally** among the tied participants.
- **Winner Notification:**
  The winner will be **privately informed by May 20, 2026**.
- **Public Announcement:**
  The winner will be officially announced during the **AFRA Annual Conference.**
- **Conference Participation:**
  The winner or a designated representative is encouraged to attend the AFRA event.
  - **One individual** will receive free registration to the conference.
  - Travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the winner.
  - If the winner cannot attend, they will be asked to submit a **short video** to be shown at the event.
  - The award will be mailed to the winner following the conference.
- **Honorable Mentions:**
  The AMR Committee may choose to recognize additional submissions that demonstrate exceptional innovation.
  With the applicant's consent, these will be showcased as **"perfect and fantastic steps forward for the aviation recycling world."**
  These entries will be highlighted prior to the official winner announcement and featured across AFRA and Aethos communication channels.

Any questions, let us know!

Aircraft Material Recycling (AMR) award 2026 Form:

Name:	
Contact person:	
Address:	
e-mail:	
Website:	
Organization Type:	
Describe your idea, product, or solution for how the aviation sector can better recycle materials from aircraft that are no longer in service.	
Share the scientific model behind your idea/product/solution so that we understand the environmental gain that can be reached.	