

Italian team wins the Skills for the Future Hyundai Award

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The team won because of their valuable contribution to safe driving

The student company NET JA from Italy won the **Skills for the Future Hyundai Award** for their product HELIOS, a safety electronic device for cars. HELIOS contributes to avoid sleep-related

accidents and it obliges to a correct driving style in compliance with the Highway Code. HELIOS is controlled by a micro-controller of a new generation and it is activated by some sensors placed on the steering wheel. A 9V rechargeable battery powers the device. It can be rechargeable by connecting the included cable to the cigarette lighter socket. The product is made of ABS, a non-toxic, non-magnetic material.

The Italian students of a vocational school were one of the 25 student teams in 3 countries that are taking part this year in the Skills for the Future programme. The team travelled to Riga, Latvia to take part in the European Trade Fair and meet another 55 companies from 27 countries.



Allan Rushforth, Senior Vice President and COO of Hyundai Motor Europe, said: “Hyundai is committed to innovation – and at the heart of innovation are people. ‘Skills for the Future’ isn’t just about tackling youth unemployment – it’s also about nurturing a vibrant talent pool of young people primed for the jobs of the future. As a successful European business, we’re thrilled to be playing our part to help fulfill the ambitions of Europe’s youth.”

450 secondary school students from across Europe used their entrepreneurship skills to compete for customers at the JA-YE Europe Trade Fair. The Riga Plaza Trading Centre in Riga hosted this one of a kind display of student ingenuity, creativity, entrepreneurship, celebrating ecology and technology. Most of the products offered by student companies in the Trade Fair combined both.