

FIFA Innovation Programme Project Summary

FIFA Innovation Challenge:	Basic video assistant referee systems (“VAR light”)
Project Title:	Basic VAR Implementation in France
Company/product:	Dartfish, Hawk Eye Innovations and VOGO
Supporting competition organiser:	Fédération Française de Football (FFF)
Project period:	01 December 2021 – 31 July 2022

FIFA Innovation Challenge Details

Video assistant referee (VAR) technology was approved for first experiments in 2016 and included in the Laws of the Game in 2018, since when it has been rolled out globally. In line with FIFA’s objective of leveraging technology to help improve the game at all levels, this challenge is aimed at eliciting VAR solutions that fulfil the core needs of this officiating technology while reducing the resources required – whether in terms of direct costs, personnel or infrastructure (with a maximum of eight cameras). Participants should take into account the information in the document provided by FIFA, especially regarding the steps that remain mandatory for live use during controlled experiments.

Executive Summary of the Innovation Project

This project will allow the FFF, in collaboration with three different providers, to participate in the VAR Basic trials organised by FIFA. The aim of this project will be to test and evaluate more cost-effective VAR solutions offline during matches of the **Men’s 3rd Division (National) and Women’s 1st Division (D1 Féminine)**. Although no live use is planned, other than the technical setup, all other parameters of the VAR implementation, especially in relation to VAR and their training, are fully compliant with the VAR guidelines.

Results & additional documentation

Updates will follow as applicable.