

EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

AWARDS CATEGORIES

CONSUMERS: Consumers at the centre of the energy system

Rewarding actions leading to the behavioural change of individual energy users

Public sector: Leading by example

Rewarding public and non-profit organisations taking exemplary initiatives in energy efficiency or use of renewables

BUSINESSES: Greening businesses

Recognising private organisations that have taken significant actions to reduce their own energy use and/or increase the share of renewable energy in their own operations (e.g. factories, offices, transport)

Young Energy Leaders: Youth for climate action

Recognising extraordinary young individuals, or group of individuals (below 30), within any type of organisation, who represent the powerful role of today's youth in the sustainable energy field.

EU Sustainable Energy Awards Assessment Criteria 2018

Note: The Awards are intended to highlight the success of completed or ongoing projects, activities or actions from a wide range of sectors and countries across the EU. The assessments will be mainly based on projects, activities or actions results.

There will be **three** assessment criteria, with a maximum score of ten points each. An activity can therefore receive a maximum total score of 30 points.

Excellence and innovation (10 points)

Each winning activity should be a best in class example in its area. It is not enough for an activity to simply address energy efficiency and/or the use of renewable energy sources. It should be outstanding and reflect excellence in its implementation. Winning activities should also have elements of originality and innovative features which will drive changes towards energy transition.

Impact and contribution to the 2020 and 2030 objectives (10 points)

Each winning activity should have a measurable impact and a strong contribution to the European Union's 2020 and 2030 sustainable energy objectives. For example, projects should state KWh/year of final energy saved, KWh/year of renewable heating/cooling/electricity produced, CO₂ emissions avoided per year or number of jobs created in sustainable energy job markets. The baselines and means of monitoring the impacts need to be clearly presented. Strategic activities and initiatives need to demonstrate the potential longer-term impact. Additionally, other socio-economic benefits for citizens and positive environmental effects will be considered. The relevant impacts will be assessed in relation to the size of the project concerned.

Replication potential and social acceptance (10 points)

Social acceptance is a key aspect for the success of sustainable energy projects, and applicants should demonstrate that they have collected positive feedback from the relevant societal groups and representatives. Winning activities should also be transferable: they will be widely promoted across the EU, with the aim of encouraging others to adopt the successful approaches and practices used, and to help others to benefit from the winner's experience.

EU Sustainable Energy Awards Eligibility Criteria 2018

The following eligibility criteria shall be applied to all submitted entries. Eligibility criteria are mandatory. Entries which do not meet these criteria will be excluded from further evaluation. The Awards Secretariat will confirm via email the eligibility of all submitted entries.

1. Geographical scope

The organisation running the activities, projects, actions must be based in the EU28 and the activities, projects, actions must be carried out within the EU28.

2. Practical application

The aim of the Awards is to collect and showcase outstanding activities, projects, actions with a high impact and replication potential. Academic studies and theoretical research projects without any long-term, real-scale application directly linked to sustainable energy are therefore not eligible.

3. Timing

The activities, projects, actions must be ongoing or not concluded before 30 June 2018. Activities, projects, actions which are still at the planning stage, or not yet fully operational are not eligible.

4. Previous winners and finalists

Activities, projects, actions which have previously been shortlisted cannot participate a second time. The award is given for the sustainable energy activity, project, or action, however organisations which have previously been shortlisted still remain eligible for new activities, projects or actions.

5. Young Energy Leaders Award

The nominees for the youth leadership award should be below 30 years old at the time of implementing the activities, projects or actions. The award is given to the individual, or group of individuals, carrying out the activities, projects or actions not to an organisation.