

The European Responsible Care® Awards 2024

Showcase your organisation's efforts to support the key themes of the Antwerp Declaration for the European Industrial Deal; building a competitive, resilient and sustainable future



This year we will highlight projects and initiatives that are shaping the future of the chemical industry in Europe. Over [five categories](#), the spotlight will be given to leading organisations who are seen as driving forward the EU chemicals industry in championing the ambitions outlined in the [declaration](#). All valid submissions will be recognised.

How to apply?

Who can submit a project?

The European Responsible Care Awards are open to all companies and /or sites that are practicing Responsible Care along the supply chain in Europe. National associations and affiliate associations are also eligible to participate provided they have signed up to Responsible Care or have a Responsible Care Partnership Agreement with Cefic.

Criteria

1. Include additional supporting materials such as photos, images, short videos, PowerPoint presentation, testimonials, etc demonstrating the initiative's benefits including facts, figures, along with how the project has been communicated to employees and stakeholders where relevant, showing a long-lasting efforts/drive for continuous improvement and if the projects is towards sustainable and circular economy.
2. Entries must be in English using the Responsible Care application form.
3. Applicants should be located in Europe.
4. The project must have already started

Guidance

1. Entries should include a clear description of the initiatives, outlining its aim and objectives and list of actions.
2. Only provide information that can be made public in compliance with applicable law. All information will be verified before publication.
3. Generic marketing material is not appropriate. Jury members will considered as not applicable the projects as product placement/"adversing". Remain as factual/objective and to the point as possible.
4. All applicants will be notified with regard to their submission.
5. An independent jury will assess valid entries and give comments.

Deadlines for applications

Friday 28th June

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The categories

- [HIIGH QUALITY JOBS IN EUROPE](#)
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- [IMPROVING EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS](#)
- [PROCESS SAFETY AND CYBER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT](#)
- [BIG PROJECTS IN SMALL COMPANIES \(SME CATEGORY\)](#)

HIGH QUALITY JOBS IN EUROPE**Skilled Workforce**

Initiatives that demonstrate the organisation's efforts to adapt its workforce to the challenges of industry's transition e.g. resources efficiency, climate adaptation and digital transformation. This includes fostering a culture of continuous learning to re-skilling and up-skilling of the workforce and showcasing the benefits of staff attraction, retention, employability and productivity.

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TIME FOR CHANGE**Circularity and Climate neutrality**

Initiatives that demonstrate efforts to reduce the use of non-renewable resources during production and ensuring the chemicals are recyclable by design. Implementing energy-efficient technologies and industry processes, exploring renewable and low-carbon energy sources, and exploring alternative feedstocks.

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Initiatives that successfully leverage digitalisation to optimise processes, enhance operational efficiency, and foster innovation across various facets of chemical production and supply chain management. Initiatives that deploy digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics and Distributed ledger technologies (DLT) like blockchain, amongst others. Projects that demonstrate the business benefits of innovation, the novelty value and, the acceleration of the industry's transformation through digital technologies implementation all towards sustainable and circular economy.

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Transition to safe and sustainable chemicals

Initiatives demonstrating a commitment and achievements in promoting and implementing innovative/breakthrough chemical safety practice, such as risk assessment, adequate occupational training, chemical labelling and documentation of chemical inventories, safety data sheets, etc. Enhancing workplace safety, minimising environmental impact, and ensuring the responsible and secure handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals. Dedication to continuous and innovative safety culture to bring the chemical industry to the next performances stage (Goal Zero Accident). Projects and initiatives towards developing and bringing to the market safe and sustainable chemicals, materials, products, processes, and services.

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IMPROVING EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS**Innovative projects**

Companies that have made significant investments in new/innovative facilities, research and development, technologies, or projects which aim at advancing sustainability. Initiatives that drive economic growth, create jobs, and contribute to the development of innovative products, processes, or services that helps solve today's societal challenges such as climate change, water conservation, environmental improvement, etc.

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Initiatives showing all kinds of successful collaboration related to one the above categories, like value chain partnerships, cross industry alliances, working with universities/academia/schools or NGOs and the community, etc. to sharing skills, information and knowledge to support each other and achieve a collective goal in the country/in Europe and in other regions.

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PROCESS SAFETY AND CYBER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT



Process safety and cyber security

Initiatives integrating safety and cybersecurity [European NIS Directive](#) principles into organisational culture, processes, and systems for managing risk and safeguarding critical assets and infrastructure in the chemical industry. Examples of enhanced process safety implemented can include effective communication across the site or the organisation, appropriate level of process safety competency and knowledge of the staff, improvement of safety performance resulted from innovation and drive for continuous improvement, share good practices to other organisations, etc. Examples of cybersecurity enhancement can include culture of security development, cooperation, sharing good practices and dissemination lessons learned between stakeholders.

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This category will allow SMEs to participate and apply in the above category/ies and not to compete their project/s with multinationals.

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This year awards recognised our industry's efforts to go climate neutral, circular, digital and transition to safe and sustainable chemicals. And the recognition to the excellent efforts of all the leading companies who are driving forward the EU chemicals industry in its transition to 2050.

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