

Environment Award for Industry 2019

10th edition

Regulations and Application Form



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Overall Objective of the Award

These awards are designed to recognise and promote organisations that have made a significant contribution to environmental protection during 2018. The aim is to highlight policies, practices and processes from all sectors of the industry which are helping to achieve economic and social development while minimising the environmental impact of their operations, so that such initiatives may be of example to others.

Award categories

Category A: The Management Award for Sustainable Development

recognises the important role of a management systems approach in delving in continuous improvements in environmental performance. It also highlights the growing need for business to be accountable to a wide range of stakeholders and to manage broader social responsibilities accordingly. Applicants will need to demonstrate that environmental and social issues are integrated into business management in a systematic way.

Category B: The Management Award for Sustainable Development

is designed to acknowledge and promote the achievement of outstanding results in the areas of energy, water and materials conservation.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have adopted cleaner, more efficient technology or otherwise modified their operations in such a way as to conserve energy or natural resources, or in any other way reduce their adverse impact on the environment.

Category C: Environment Protection Initiative Award for SMEs

This award recognises *any* initiative taken by small and medium size enterprises in favour of environmental protection. To be eligible for Category C, applicant firms should have no more than 8 employees.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from firms:

- Are either privately or publicly owned;
- Are of local or foreign ownership;
- Are engaged in either manufacturing or the provision of services;
- Have been in operation since at least January 2017.

Section 1: To be filled by all categories

Please fill in the form in print. All information will be treated in strict confidence.

1. Full name/ legal name of the company/ producer.

2. Business Address:

3. Number of full time employees

4. Contact person of the adjudicating committee

Designation:

Telephone/Fax/e-mail

5. Nature of business indicating main products/activities

6. Date of commencement of business or in the case of a company partnership state when registered:

7. Name of person submitting this application

Designation

Signature:

Date:

Section 2: CATEGORY A

Management Award for Sustainable Development

(to be filled by category 'A' applicants only)

1. Please provide the following:

- (a) Copies of the corporate mission statements, policies, codes of conduct etc., demonstrating the level of commitment in the organisation to achieving excellence in environmental (and social/ethical) performance and;
- (b) Examples of the organisation's objectives and targets for improving environmental (and social/ethical) performance and evidence showing how these were derived.

2. What mechanisms are there for monitoring and reporting on progress against environmental (and social/ethical) objectives?

3. How are the mechanisms or management systems detailed above related to or integrated with systems for managing the organisation's overall performance?

4. Based upon your response to the previous question, please provide detailed evidence of continuous improvement in the organisation's performance against key environmental targets.

5. How has your organisation's management of environmental and social issues contributed to good financial performance?

6. What steps are taken to consult or engage with stakeholders on environmental (or social) issues arising from the organisation's operations?

7. What mechanisms are in place to ensure their views are taken into account?

8. What steps are taken to ensure the involvement of employees at all levels in environmental management?

9. What other steps *internally* and *externally* have been taken to improve the organisation's performance on social responsibility issues such as human rights and community involvement?

10. What steps have been taken to share good practice on management for sustainable development with other organisations (e.g. through involvement in business networks, dissemination at conferences etc.)

Evaluation Criteria for Category A

Assessment shall be conducted on the basis of the below criteria.

Commitment:

The applicant organisation must submit corporate mission and policy statements (including an environmental policy) which are consistent with the principles of sustainable development.

Integration:

The applicant organisation must show clear objectives and targets which fully combine environmental, social and financial management.

Performance improvement:

The applicant organisation must communicate regularly with stakeholders (employees, suppliers, customers, non-governmental organisations) and incorporate any feedback into management decision-making.

Accountability:

The applicant organisation must communicate regularly with stakeholders (employees, suppliers, customers, non-governmental organisations) and incorporate any feedback into management decision-making.

Employee involvement:

The applicant organisation must demonstrate a high level of employee involvement in all areas of environmental management.

Replication potential:

The applicant organisation must take the initiative in sharing its experiences with other organisations, for example, through the involvement of business networks, dissemination at conferences etc.

Section 2: CATEGORY B

Conservation Award for Sustainable Development

(to be filled by Category 'B' applicants only)

1. Briefly describe the initiatives/s in respect of which your organisation is applying for this award. Outline the objectives and processes or methods used to achieve them (Attach response).
2. Describe how your organisation has managed to reduce the impact of its operations, products or services on the Maltese environment through either:
 - Reductions in energy/water/materials consumption in 2018 through the adoption of more efficient technology or operating systems;
 - Reductions in the waste generated directly by its operations or by its products; or
 - Reductions in air, land or water pollution caused by its operations.

Please quantify the reductions where possible (for example cubic meters of water saved, overall energy saved in kilowatt hours or tonnes of material saved from disposal), indicating how the figures have been derived. (Attach response)

3. Describe the effort dedicated by your organisation towards the achievement of the above results, including:
 - Any investments and operating costs involved in such initiative/s;
 - The allocation of staff, or
 - The introduction of any innovative modifications to existing operating systems. (Attach Response)
4. What evidence is there that your organisation will continue the initiative/s in question in the long-term, such as for instance:
 - Reductions in operating costs resulting from such initiative/s;
 - The existence of a documented management infrastructure to encourage and measure progress under;

- Such initiative/s - for example, the assignment of environment related responsibilities to a particular position or the incorporation of environmental targets within internal reporting systems. (Attach response)

Evaluation Criteria for Category B

Assessment shall be conducted on the basis of the below criteria.

Organisation's environmental impact:

The extent to which the applicant organisation has managed to reduce the impact of its operations, products or services on the Maltese environment through either:

- Reductions in energy/water/materials consumption in 2018 through the adoption of more efficient technology or operating systems;
- Reductions in waste generated directly by its operations or by its products;
- Reductions in air, land or water pollution, caused by its operations; or
- Any other initiatives which enhance or safeguard the natural environment

Organisational effort:

The extent of effort dedicated towards the achievement of the above results, including:

- Any investment and operating costs involved in such initiatives/s;
- The allocation of staff; or
- The introduction of any innovative modification to existing operating systems.

Sustainability of the organisation's initiative/s:

The extent to which the initiative/s in question are likely to be carried on in the long-term, as evidenced by:

- Reductions in operating costs resulting from such initiative/s;
- The existence of a documented management infrastructure to encourage and measure progress under such initiative/s (for example, the assignment of environment-related responsibilities to a particular position or the incorporation of environmental targets within internal reporting systems).

Replication potential:

The potential for such initiatives to be shared with and replicated by other organisations.

Section 2: CATEGORY C

1. Briefly describe the initiative/s in respect of which your organisation is applying for this award. Outline the objectives and processes and methods used to achieve them. (Attach response)

Evaluation Criteria for Category “C”

Assessment shall be conducted on the basis of the below criteria.

Application Procedure

1. Complete the entire application following the directions on the application form.
2. Submit your complete application form by the End of October 2019;

Selection Process (applicable to all categories)

1. Application review: the Environmental Award Adjudicating Committee will review and evaluate applications according to the selection criteria outlined above.
2. Selection of Finalists: Finalists will be selected for further consideration based on written applications.
3. On-site visits for finalists: Site visits will be scheduled throughout. These on-site evaluations provide finalists with the opportunity to further demonstrate the merits of their programmes to the Adjudicating Committee.
4. Award Ceremony: The Award will be presented to the winners at a specially held ceremony.

The Awards:

The winning organisation of Category “A” will be awarded with a purposely produced trophy and certificate, together with the right to use a special logo on its stationary. They will also have the possibility to compete in the European Environment Award Programme organised by the European Union. Winners of Category “B” will be awarded with a purposely produced trophy and certificate and the right to use a special logo on their stationary. The Category “C” winner will be awarded with a purposely produced trophy and certificate.

The Adjudicating Committee may also award Certificates of Honourable Mention.

Timeline

Application deadline: End of October 2019

Application reviews: Short listing & site visit - November 2019
Selection of Winners & Awards Presentation: December