

European Responsible Care Awards Gallery 2023 – Submission Guidelines

The closing date for applications 14 July 2023 – Email address for further information:

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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.

As our industry embarks on the biggest transformation in its history, this year's awards will recognise efforts to go climate neutral, circular, digital and transition to safe and sustainable chemicals and operations. Over six categories, the spotlight will be given to leading organisations who are seen as driving forward the EU chemicals industry in its transition to 2050. All valid submissions will be recognised.

Companies and national associations are invited to submit projects in the following categories:

- Implementing safe and sustainable operations
- Embracing the future of safe and sustainable chemicals innovation
- Transitioning towards climate neutrality
- Driving a circular economy
- Showcasing the efforts of smaller organisations
- Demonstrating projects of relevance to the Transition Pathway

We invite all Responsible Care participants, including members of Cefic and national federations, to join us in sharing your projects and initiatives.

Criteria for entries

- Include **additional supporting materials** demonstrating the initiative's benefits including facts, figures, photo, images, short videos, PowerPoint presentation, testimonials, etc. Along with how the project has been communicated to employees and stakeholder where relevant.
- Entries must be **in English** using the Responsible Care Recognition application form.
- Applicants should **be located in Europe**.
- The **project must have already started**.

Guidance for entries

- Entries should include a **clear description of the initiatives**, outlining its aim and **objectives and list of actions**.
- An independent jury will assess valid entries and give comments.
- Only provide **information that can be made public** in compliance with applicable law. All information will be verified before publication.
- All applicants will be notified with regard to their submission.
- Please note that generic marketing material is not appropriate.

Description of the categories

It is proposed to condense the recognitions into two categories:

1. Safe and Sustainable Operations - Improving operations by enhanced plant & process safety, efficiency and sustainability: Initiatives that demonstrate industry efforts to improve manufacturing plant processes through enhanced process safety advanced digital techs, sustainable use of resources by optimising production processes, managing water efficiency, improving logistics (incl. reducing pollutants and GHG emissions, minimising transport routes), preventing and minimising waste.
2. Safe and Sustainable Chemicals: Initiatives that demonstrate how the chemical industry strives for safe and sustainable products; showcasing efforts to support the research and development of innovative chemicals and materials that are safe and sustainable, production to end of life and reuse.
3. Climate Neutrality: Initiatives that contribute to improving carbon circularity and minimising greenhouse gas emissions by revolutionising materials, production processes and services across all sectors.
4. Circularity: Initiatives that demonstrate the reduce of the use of non-renewable resources during production and ensure the materials made can be recycled.
5. Specific SMEs category on the above topics. This will allow to attract more SME to participate and not to compete with multinationals.
6. Projects of relevance to the Transition Pathway. Innovating the transition to 2050 with focus on partnership/collaboration like value chain partnerships, cross industry alliances, working with NGOs and the community, etc.
 - a. Corporate members : initiatives that contribute to the implementation of the Transition Pathway through pledges in one or several of the 8 building blocks.
 - b. National Federations: initiatives that show the national support for the Transition Pathway, including outreach to national authorities.

Questions?

Should you have any question regarding the submission of your entry or any other aspects, please contact: RCAwards@cefic.be