

2018 ENERGAÏA AWARDS RULES

- Article 1 – 2018 EnerGaïa Awards

The 2018 EnerGaïa Awards (Trophées EnerGaïa), created on the initiative of the Occitanie Regional Authority, are organised with the support of its economic development agency AD'Occ. The Award is an honorific title and is presented under the auspices of Forum EnerGaïa.

The purpose of the Award is to pay tribute to a company or consortium comprising companies and research laboratory(ies) which is/are exhibiting at Forum EnerGaïa 2018. These companies present an innovative project developed in the Energy field that addresses one of the six challenges or one of the ten projects set out in the “Positive Energy Region” ambition.

The six major “Positive Energy Region” challenges:

1. **M**ass-develop energy efficiency renovation in existing housing
2. **O**rganise and develop a competitive PV solar power sector
3. **D**evelop land-based and floating offshore wind power by improving project acceptability
4. **L**everage biomass, a way forward for the production of renewable gas and heat
5. **O**ptimise our hydroelectric potential by rebalancing the different uses of water
6. **I**nnovate to be at the cutting edge of the energy transition

The ten “Positive Energy Region” priority projects:

1. Build and renovate, for low-energy and resource-efficient buildings
2. Promote and develop the mobility of the future
3. Strike a balance between renewable energy and farming development
4. Position Occitanie as a pioneering region in the solar photovoltaic field on the French and Mediterranean market
5. Position Occitanie as the leader in floating wind power in Europe
6. Support regional research to prepare the technical disruption of tomorrow
7. Tailor training and education to plan ahead for the job skills of tomorrow
8. Finance the energy transition economy using appropriate high-leverage mechanisms
9. Support regions for a civic-supported transition and better project acceptability
10. Contribute to international exchange on fighting climate change and open up to the world

The Innovation may be technological in nature (product, process, turnkey solution, etc), service-related or may apply to the model (economic, social, organisational, etc.).

One area for special attention is the mode of organisation deployed (all forms of partnerships are accepted, with a firm, a research or educational body, a local authority, an NGO, a financing body, etc.) and the economic and social approaches deployed.

The innovation project should be completed and/or be launched on the market during the year 2018.



- Article 2 – Terms of entry

The 2018 EnerGaia Awards are open to all companies whatever their legal structure, profession, size and geographical location, exhibiting at Forum EnerGaia 2018 on an individual or collective stand. The company must be at the origin of the idea, or behind the delivery of the project. It must submit an entry form that is correctly and legibly completed, failing which it may be disqualified, before the closing deadline for entries. In the case of a consortium of companies or of companies and research laboratory(ies) competing, the company shall represent the consortium as leader or partner.

Article 10 explains how to obtain and submit an entry form.

- Article 3 – Timescale

Entries are open from 1 October to 15 November 2018 as specified below:

Entries open: 1 October 2018 at 9.00 am

Deadline for entries: 15 November 2018 at midnight (*certified by acknowledgement of receipt of e-mail*)

The Award will be presented by the Occitanie Regional Authority at an evening event on 11 December 2018.

ANY ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE REJECTED AND DECLARED NULL AND VOID.

- Article 4 – Composition of judging panel, process and deliberation

The judging panel is chaired by the Occitanie Regional Authority and comprises at least five members, representatives of regional and national organisations specialising in innovation and energy.

All entries are received and checked by the project managers at the regional economic development agency AD'OCC. An initial shortlist may be performed at this time in order to guarantee the quality of entries submitted to the judges. Consequently, any incomplete or later entries, or those that do not fulfil the criteria of the Awards as stated in Articles 1 and 2 shall be declared null and void and therefore rejected.

The judging panel assesses, deliberates and selects the winner of the Award on the basis of criteria set out in Article 5. The winner will be chosen impartially and independently, and the decision cannot not be appealed against either in substance or form, nor may any claims or complaints be lodged against it. In the event of a tie, the final decision shall be taken by the chairperson of the Awards judging panel. The results shall remain confidential until the Awards ceremony.

In general, the judges will assess the validity of entries and reserve the right to disqualify any entry which may involve any form of improper conduct. The judges furthermore reserve the right to withdraw the Award if it transpires that the competing company has supplied erroneous, misleading or incomplete information which might result in the judges misinterpreting the innovation project presented.



Procedure:

1. Analysis of entries and pre-selection by a technical judging panel made up of representatives of the Regional Authority and the Regional economic development agency, AD'OCC – up to end of November
2. Analysis and assessment of shortlisted entries by a panel of professionals, followed by deliberation – beginning of December
3. Presentation of the Award to the winner – 11 December 2018 on the Regional Authority's stand.

- Article 5 -Assessment criteria

The Awards will be made on the basis of entry forms submitted prior to the competition closing date.

Entries will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Technological and competitive benefits provided by the innovation (whether technological or service-related) and/or by the integrated solution developed;
- The innovation's aptitude to contribute to the "Positive energy region" project (adapting to regional environment, added value compared with solutions already developed, etc.).
- The market approach (France, abroad) and the deployment and marketing (France, abroad) of the new product(s), service(s) or activity(ies) developed;
- The exemplary nature of the innovation and compliance with sustainability principles;
- The structuring of the team managing the project, the participation of scientific teams;
- Consideration for the protection of intellectual and industrial property.

- Article 6 -Undertaking of entrants

Entering the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards is free of charge.

All entrants for the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards:

- agree to read these rules and accept them wholly and unreservedly;
- waive all recourse relating to the organisation of the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards, the results and judges' decisions;
- agree to refrain from lodging any claims or requests for compensation if the event is modified, postponed or cancelled;
- waive their rights to the use of their image and undertake to personally address any problems arising as a result of the communication made relating to their innovation project(s) or their integrated solution, either directly or indirectly through the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards;
- acknowledge that they hold the intellectual property rights of the innovation project presented, or that they are authorised by the co-holders of the said rights to enter the Awards competition;
- agree not to solicit any reward of any type in exchange for the Award that they will receive;
- undertake to complete the entry form in full and legibly, then submit it before the closing deadline in accordance with Article 10.

The entry file comprises a registration form which must be signed and a form presenting the project.



This includes an executive summary and a specific paragraph dedicated to any public communications materials (posters, drop banners, a physical example of the new product for demonstration purposes, etc) intended for deployment by the company, consortium of companies or consortium of companies and research laboratory(ies) to present their project.

An entrant may submit several innovation projects up to a maximum of three and on the condition that they complete an entry form for each project. Entrants undertake only to include accurate and truthful information in their entries and to not omit any information which might mislead the judges in their deliberations.

By entering the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards, the entrant expressly accepts that their project may be presented during the Award ceremony as stipulated in Article 7, in the form of printed documentation and/or any other multimedia means of communication used during this event.

- Article 7 - EnerGaïa Awards: nature and communication

All entrants to the EnerGaïa Awards whose submission has been received before the deadline and is deemed to be complete and admissible in view of the Award criteria will benefit from the promotion of the said project submitted.

This promotion will take the form of the communications material indicated by the company in its entry form and which it will deploy on its stand (individual or collective). All Awards entrants will be duly identified and listed in the Official Guide by the organiser of Forum EnerGaïa 2018.

The winner will receive the “2018 EnerGaïa Award” and will also benefit from:

- 1 " 2018 EnerGaïa Innovation Award Winner" web button to use in all their communications
- The drafting and publication of a specific press release dedicated to the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards,
- The deployment of a pop-up screen on the 2018 Forum EnerGaïa website and social media,
- Regional visibility through the Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée Regional authority media and social networks
- 20% discount on stand space for an individual stand at the 2019 edition of Forum EnerGaïa

The winner is entitled to use the label and logo of the Award with its year for a two-year duration starting from the date on which the Award is presented.

The results of the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards will be announced through:

- A specific and dedicated press release,
- a pop-up screen on the 2018 Forum EnerGaïa website and social media
- The 2018 Forum EnerGaïa website (**www.energaia.fr**),
- The AD'Occ website (**www.agence-adocc.com**),

Communication relating to the winning innovation project or integrated solution will be made on the basis of the identity of the company and the executive summary unless otherwise specified by the company. In accordance with the provisions of Article 26 of the French Act of Parliament no. 78-17 dated 6 January 1978 on information technology, data files and civil liberties, entrants have the right of access and modification of their data and may request that their contact details to be erased and not transferred to third parties.



**2018 EnerGaïa Awards competition entrants should address any requests to:
AD'OCC – Aurélie BEAUCHART and Mathilde CONVERT**
trophees.energaia@agence-adocc.com

- Article 8 – Non-disclosure

In order not to present an obstacle to any intellectual property rights or pending registrations, the members of the panel undertake to protect the confidentiality of all the information not declared as being in the public realm submitted with regard to this competition.

The content of entries and the deliberations of the judges will consequently be considered as confidential.

- Article 9 – Provision of rules and liability

Entering the competition entails the full and unreserved acceptance of these rules which are displayed and published on the websites of AD'OCC and Forum EnerGaïa 2018 in accordance with Article 10 and also deposited with Montpellier Events.

The organisers reserve the right to annul or modify these rules in response to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure. Similarly, the organisers cannot be held responsible if the 2018 EnerGaïa Awards competition were to be postponed, interrupted, or cancelled for reasons beyond their control.

Entries will not be returned to entrants and will be destroyed at the end of the Forum EnerGaïa 2018.

- Article 10 – Obtaining and submitting entry forms

Entry forms and rules can be downloaded from the following websites:

- Forum EnerGaïa 2018: www.energaia.fr
- Agence AD'OCC: www.agence-adocc.com

All entry forms, duly completed in full and signed, must be submitted in digital format before 15 November at midnight (certified by receipt of e-mail) to the following email address

Aurélie BEAUCHART & Mathilde CONVERT – Agence ADOCC – trophees.energaia@agence-adocc.com

Entries submitted will be subject to a registration procedure, with acknowledgement of receipt sent by e-mail to the company entering the competition.