

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RUGGERO BERTANI EUROPEAN GEOTHERMAL INNOVATION AWARD

Eligibility of the entries

The competition is calling for European projects, processes, products, and initiatives from European companies, entities, or organizations across all value chain and geothermal applications, provided that they are located or have operations within Europe.

The entry must cover a field application of a new concept or the development of an existing process or product to provide an innovative and sustainable approach, released **within the previous year (01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023)**. Benefits, improvements, replicability, and reliability of the innovation should be clearly stated in the entry form and illustrated by a photo. The winner's innovation becomes public domain.

If research projects, to be qualified as innovation, nominees should have [technology readiness level \(TRL\), as defined by the Horizon 2020 Work Programme, of 7 or higher](#).

Participants can submit one innovation per entity per year. Unsuccessful applications will be eligible for nomination at future awards. Participants providing false information will not be accepted in the current and future editions.

No entry fee is required.

Composition of the jury

The jury consists of nine members. The jury members comprise:

- the president of EGEC;
- a Vice-President of EGEC
- an Ordinary Member of EGEC
- a representative of the Messe Offenburg;
- four persons from Europe with high visibility and reputation in the geothermal sector (chairman and vice-chairman of ETIP-DG, the chairman of Geothermal Panel, , a representative from the Implementation Working Group (IWG))

Application process

In the first stage, the jury will review all entries received by the deadline. From these entries, five innovations will be selected and announced as “endorsed nominees” ahead of the upcoming GeoTHERM Expo & Congress.

In the second stage, the jury selects the company to be awarded from the five “endorsed nominees”. This decision will be kept secret until the award ceremony during the opening session of GeoTHERM.

Only the name of the innovation and the submitting organization will be shared in the public domain in case of being shortlisted. No other information provided will be publicly disclosed.

ABOUT THE “RUGGERO BERTANI GEOTHERMAL INNOVATION AWARD”

The “Ruggero Bertani European Geothermal Innovation Award” is given to European entities which have made an outstanding contribution towards the field of geothermal energy in the form of innovative products, scientific research or project initiatives. It is an initiative from EGEC in collaboration with Messe Offenburg, organisers of the GeoTHERM expo & congress.

Endorsed nominations and the award winner are recognised for their outstanding work and impact on the growing and dynamic geothermal industry. The award recognises originality, innovation, reliability, reduction of emissions and improvements in energy output, an

opportunity for industry peers to acknowledge excellence, and for the most exciting ideas to be widely publicised.

The winner is announced during the award ceremony at GeoTHERM expo & congress.