

Waterborne Awards Call for Submissions: European Projects in Waterborne Transport

As part of the *Waterborne Days* event, taking place from 26-27 September 2023, the Waterborne Technology Platform jointly with the European Commission will be hosting an awards ceremony, celebrating the success of European projects, with a particular focus on innovation, sustainability, and market uptake or potential market uptake of a project. The Waterborne Days bring together key stakeholders, experts, and innovators from across the entire sector including European industry leaders as we aim to delve into the cutting-edge advancements shaping the future of waterborne transport. On September 26, there will be an exhibition for projects nominated which will form part of the judging process, as well as an opportunity to participate in filmed interviews that raise awareness of your project.

An initial screening of relevance will be conducted to ensure alignment with the eligibility criteria and overall themes for the awards, a maximum of 3 projects will be nominated per award. An independent panel of judges from the European Institutions and Industry will then judge the nominations based on the defined evaluation criteria. Out of the projects nominated, **four winners** of the awards will be crowned during the event.

To submit your project for consideration, please fill out the [following form](#) by July 31 at the latest.



Submissions will open via our [online form](#) on June 19 2023 and will close on July 31 2023.

Themes

The Waterborne Awards recognise and reward the endeavour of European projects which contribute to the advancement of the European waterborne transport sector. Applicants must choose one of the three following categories when filling out the online form:

- Environmental Impact & Climate Change
- Innovation
- Economic Viability

Any entry deemed not to be sufficiently relevant to the themes will be disqualified.

Eligibility

Submissions must fulfil all eligibility criteria to be considered.

Format: Only submissions received via our [online form](#) are accepted, any other form of submission will not be permitted and will not be considered.

Topic: All submissions must be able to demonstrate a viable impact in one of the three themes. In addition to this, all submissions must be related to the waterborne transport sector.

Language Requirements: All applications should be submitted in English.

Funding Instruments:

To be considered, the project must be funded by one of the following instruments:

- Horizon Europe (Horizon 2020)
- LIFE
- Connecting Europe Facility
- Innovation Fund

Selection Process

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Prizes

The winners of the awards will get media coverage, and will receive a dissemination package aimed at promoting the impact of the project, provided by the organizers. They will also receive a symbolic award and publicity via the available communications channels. No financial award will be made.



Evaluation Criteria

Each of the evaluation criteria will be rated on a scale of 0-5 based on the impact demonstrated and subject to the verification of any claims.

1. Environmental Impact & Climate Change:

- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction:** Evaluate the project's carbon footprint reduction potential, measured in CO₂ equivalent (e.g., tons of CO₂e).
- **Energy Efficiency:** Assess energy consumption and efficiency improvements, quantifying energy savings in kilowatt-hours (kWh) or percentage.
- **Climate Resilience:** Assess the project's preparedness and resilience to climate change impacts, quantifying indicators such as flood protection measures or heat stress reduction.
- **Waste Management:** Measure waste reduction, recycling rates, or waste diversion percentages.

2. Innovation

- **Originality:** The innovation should demonstrate uniqueness and novelty, introducing something new or different to the market or field.
- **Value Creation:** The innovation should have the potential to create value for customers or end-users, addressing their needs, preferences, or solving their problems.
- **Impact:** The innovation should have a significant impact, either by disrupting existing practices or by bringing about substantial improvements or advancements.

3. Economic Viability:

- **Cost-effectiveness:** Assess the project's return on investment (ROI), net present value (NPV), or cost savings achieved.
- **Resource Optimization:** Measure resource efficiency improvements, such as reduced material usage or optimized supply chain processes.
- **Market Uptake or Potential Market Uptake:** Has there been a demonstrable interest in or confirmation that the project will be taken up by the market after its conclusion.
- **Economic Benefits:** Quantify the economic benefits for local communities, such as increased GDP, job income, or tax revenues generated.

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