

European Responsible Care Awards 2014 “Terms and Conditions”

All entries must follow the terms and condition rules. Projects must meet all criteria otherwise they will be excluded from further evaluation.

- The European Responsible Care Awards Competition is open to all European companies, sites, national associations and Cefic sector groups, provided they have signed up to Responsible Care or have a Cefic Responsible Care Partnership Agreement.
- Projects must be fully operational and no less than five years old (from planning stage until project implementation).
- Each company/national association will be allowed to submit several applications. However, one project can only be submitted to one Responsible Care area.
- All projects will be assessed on the basis of their exceptional performance and the *judging criteria* (see judging criteria chapter below).
- All entries must be provided in English and submitted by email to Katleen Raes (kra@cefic.be) by using the *Responsible Care Awards Competition Form* (downloadable from <http://www.cefic.org/Responsible-Care/Awards>). An acknowledgment email will be sent to confirm the entry.
- Additional supporting materials for your entry (short video, powerpoint presentation, brochures, etc.) which show the project and its effectiveness, must also be submitted in a clear, concise and well-presented form. Only submit information about the project: generic marketing material is not appropriate.
- Deadline for entries is 1 June 2014.
- All participants will be notified by Cefic, by August 1st, 2014 at the latest.

The Award Ceremony will take place in Paris, October 17th, 2014 during the European Chemical Industry Global Convention. Winners will be invited to the award ceremony and the gala dinner.

Judging criteria

Entries will be considered by an expert jury of senior representatives from EU institutions, industry, trade associations and media. Our judges are Responsible Care thinkers and doers, even if you don't win, this is a great way to make them aware of your work.

As they read your entry, judges will be asking:

- How effectively does the project or initiative meet the specific criteria of the category entered?
- Does the project ensure a cycle of continuous improvement?
- What are the key benefits for your company/national associations, both internal and external?
- Is the project well communicated to employees, local communities, and other stakeholders?
- Is the project already implemented? Projects which are still at the planning stage or not yet fully operational are not eligible.
- Does the project show concrete facts and figures?

Winning projects should have elements of originality, innovative features and best practice sharing within the chemical industry and with customer industries.