European Responsible Care Awards 2016 |Eight categories

1. Communications

For projects that can demonstrate excellence in Responsible Care communications by reporting openly on performance, achievements and shortcomings, listen, engage and work with stakeholders to understand and address their concerns and expectations and cooperate with (local) authorities and organisations in the development and implementation of effective regulations and standards and to meet or go beyond them.

2. Distribution

Recognized for initiatives that focus on reducing risks through ensuring the safe distribution of chemicals.

3. Energy Efficiency/SPiCE₃

First launched in 2013, the Energy Efficiency Award recognises and promotes outstanding projects in energy efficiency, renewable energy and clean transport. This area gathers projects that contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and have a proven impact. This category addresses the efficient management of energy to improve practices and technologies in heat and power generation, the review of the steam flow in processes and its optimization and the use of electricity.

4. Environment

For projects that demonstrate excellence in environmental processes and products over their life cycles so as to avoid harm to people and the environment by reducing their on-site emissions to air, water and soil and to limit environmental hazards related to their operations through the development of innovative technology. Also using resources efficiently and minimizing waste.

5. Occupational Health & Safety

This category recognises projects that have achieved excellence in occupational health demonstrated by improved or sustained health programme performance and a healthy workforce and workplace. The key characteristics of Occupational Health & Safety include management commitment, employee engagement and evidence of a culture of proactive health risk management and wellbeing support initiatives.

6. Process Safety

Outstanding initiatives which have an exemplary record in implementing effective process safety management systems from process design to continued operation and routine maintenance, best practices and improvements for chemical prevention, preparedness and response to reduce major process hazards and risks.

7. Product Stewardship

This category focuses on products that are developed, manufactured, distributed, used and disposed of in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. It recognises value chain projects that help companies set up and improve their chemicals management procedures. In line with chemicals regulations, Product Stewardship addresses management of risks and improvement of the performance of a product in the fields of safety, health and the environment during its entire life cycle.

8. Security

Promotes outstanding examples that describe fundamental management practices to protect people, property, products, processes, information and information systems by enhancing security, including security against potential terrorist attacks, throughout the chemical industry value chain covering the design, procurement, manufacturing, marketing, distribution, transportation, customer support, use, recycle and disposal of products.