

France Ireland Business Awards 2019

Call for Applications

The Business Recognition You Deserve

Every year, the France Ireland Chamber of Commerce (FICC) and NetworkIreland host the **Ireland France Business Awards** alternatively in Dublin and Paris. The objective of the Awards is to recompense Irish and French companies which have made an exceptional contribution to the development of trade and investment between Ireland and France.

This year, the Awards will be held in Paris, in the presence of H.E. Patricia O'Brien, the Irish Ambassador to France and Honorary President of NetworkIreland and H.E. Stéphane Cruzat, the French Ambassador to Ireland and Honorary President of FICC.

We look forward to welcoming the winning companies and members of the France Ireland Chamber of Commerce and NetworkIreland at the Awards ceremony and Gala dinner at the Cercle National des Armées in Paris on Thursday 28th November 2019.



Richard Dujardin
President
NetworkIreland



Mathieu Gorge
President
France Ireland Chamber of Commerce

Key Dates 2019

Closing date for receipt of Entries

6th September at 12 noon

Announcement of Winners

Monday 14th October

Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony

28th November 2019

Jury Panel 2019

The Jury will consist of senior members of both the public and private sectors in Ireland and France, and will be chaired by Eoin Scott, Motherboard.

Members of the Jury include Isabelle Charmeil (Director, Business France Ireland), Noel Cunningham (Tax Services, Mazars), Elaine Howley (Market Advisor, Digital Technologies, Enterprise Ireland), Joanne Grant (CEO, JCDecaux Ireland), Gillian Quinn de Shonen (MD, Zumo), Monica MacLavery (Manager Southern Europe, Tourism Ireland), Donal O'Riain (Founder and MD, Ecocem), Kate Solovieva (Vice President, Financial Services – Europe, IDA) and a representative of the Embassy of France in Ireland.

Entry Categories

1. Best French Company in Ireland

2. Best Irish Company in France

Best French Company in Ireland and Best Irish Company in France

These awards serve to highlight and recognise the important contribution of both Irish and French companies to promoting business and investment between the two countries.

Companies which apply for either of these two Awards must comply with the following criteria:

Criteria for judging the Entries

- Demonstration that the company applying is a registered Irish business (Best Irish Company in France) or a registered French business (Best French Company in Ireland). Such a company must be headquartered, managed and have its main activity in Ireland for the company applying for the Best Irish Company, and in France for the company applying for the Best French Company.
- Demonstration that the company applying has been doing business in both Ireland and France for at least two years, and can demonstrate investment in the country of destination.
- Growth of business activity in France and/or Ireland
- Demonstration that the company is a high quality employer (working environment, employment benefits, HR management)
- Demonstration that the employment between Ireland & France has increased positively from the viewpoint of both countries
- Innovation
- Commitment to CSR

Special Jury's Award for Impact on Climate Change

In recognition of the importance of the COP21 conference held in Paris in December 2015 and subsequent actions, the sector targeted for the 2019 Special Jury's Award will be "**Impact on Climate Change**". This Award is intended to encourage actions taken with regard to climate change that are good for business and to recognise the integration of climate change into business strategies in the industrial, commercial, community and public sectors .

It could also reward research and innovation in the development of systems, services, products or approaches likely to impact positively on climate change. Partnerships that have helped companies understand how climate change can shape future products, facilities, supply chains and customer needs could also be included.

Companies may apply directly for this award, or be nominated by a member of NetworkIreland and/or FICC. The nominee must apply by completing a **Special Award Application Form**. The following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- The development of sustainable business practices
- Alignment of strategies with "Sustainable Development Goals"
- The implementation of innovative solutions or methodologies or creation of new knowledge around climate change
- Demonstration of "best practice" in Ireland and France
- Innovation: The extent to which an initiative or project takes an entirely new or ground-breaking approach to address major environmental issues.
- Innovative ideas and best practices on topics such as energy efficiency, clean energy opportunities, setting and achieving GHG reduction goals, engaging supply chains, and other practical applications for measuring, managing, and reducing emissions
- Emerging best practices on climate resilience/adaptation planning and implementation

** For all categories, the Jury reserves the right not to make an award in a particular category in the event that there are insufficient entries*

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