

Herewith a Call for Applications for the
Ireland France Business Awards 2022

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Best Irish Company in France
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Best French Company in Ireland
sponsored by  **Groupe Adéquat**

Special Jury's Award for Franco-Irish 'Rising Star'
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Key Dates 2022

Closing date for receipt of Entries
16th September at 12 noon

Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony
The Ritz Paris
24th November 2022

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 acknowledge 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. Niall Burgess, Ambassador of Ireland to France and Honorary President of NetworkIreland and H.E. Vincent Guérend, Ambassador of France to Ireland and Honorary President of the France Ireland Chamber of Commerce.

We look forward to welcoming the winning companies and members of NetworkIreland and the France Ireland Chamber of Commerce at the Awards ceremony and Gala dinner in Paris on Thursday 24th November 2022.



Richard Dujardin
President
NetworkIreland



Margot Slattery
President
France Ireland Chamber of Commerce

Jury Panel 2022

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 Kate Solovieva (Vice-President, Financial Services- Europe, IDA), Michèle Nissen-Sageot (Adjointe au Chef du Service Economique, Ambassade de France en Irlande), Monica MacLavery (Manager Southern Europe, Tourism Ireland), Mathieu Gorge (President CCEF Irlande), Donal O'Riain (Founder and MD, Ecocem), Paul Regan (Group Treasurer, Smurfit Kappa), Elodie Morin-Rager (Representative, Business France) and Kevin Davoren (Senior Marketing Advisor, Enterprise Ireland France).

Entry Categories

1. Best Irish Company in France Award

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2. Best French Company in Ireland Award

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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.
- Development 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 and Sustainability including climate change
- A company which has previously won an award in one of the categories will not be considered for an award in that category for a period of two years after winning the award.

Special Jury's Award for Franco-Irish Business – Rising Star Award

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In recognition of the importance of the contribution of entrepreneurship to the development of trade between Ireland and France, the Jury have decided to dedicate an award this year to SMEs and Entrepreneurs.

The award will focus on criteria relevant to a “Rising Star” company active in the Franco-Irish business world:

- Demonstration of a sustainable business proposition relevant to the French and Irish markets that has the potential to grow
- Innovation
- Development of employment in Ireland, France or both countries

Entry Requirements:

All small businesses with a maximum of 100 employees are eligible to enter.

The company is:

- A registered French company targeting the Irish market or
- A registered Irish company targeting the French market

The company is not a subsidiary of another business nor a franchise

The company is in operation for at least two years

** 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 or the quality of entries is not of a high enough standard.*

ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CEO OR AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE WINNING COMPANY IN EACH CATEGORY NEEDS TO BE AVAILABLE TO ACCEPT THE AWARD AT THE DEDICATED CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 24TH IN PARIS.

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