

# EIT PUBLIC Award 2020: Online voting terms and conditions

## CAST YOUR VOTE for the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award!

The 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award will be awarded to one of the Nominees of the 2020 EIT VENTURE Award, EIT CHANGE Award, EIT Woman Leadership & Entrepreneurship Award, or the EIT Innovators Award.

### 1. Voting

#### 1.1 Online voting

The 2020 EIT Awards online voting website can be accessed at the following link: <https://eit.europa.eu/eit-awards-2020>.

Online votes for the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award are tallied by total e-mail verified clicks on the "vote" button for each 2020 Award Nominee during the open online voting period.

There is a limit of **one vote per person** and each vote has to be confirmed by e-mail by the online voter.

The EIT PUBLIC Award 2020 online voting website collects your e-mail address; the EIT does so to prevent more than one vote per person. The retention period for this data is one month after the end of the EIT Awards online ceremony on 9 December 2020<sup>1</sup>. The personal data is stored in a server based in the European Union.

Following the opening of online voting, anyone may vote, except for EIT Governing Board members, the appointed jury members for the 2020 EIT Awards, and EIT staff. For that reason, all e-mail addresses with the ending @eit.europa.eu are restricted from online voting.

Please note that the online votes only determine the winner of the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award and do not determine the winners of the 2020 EIT CHANGE, WOMAN, INNOVATORS or the VENTURE Awards. These Awards will be awarded separately following an evaluation by independent external jury members, and will be announced on 9 December 2020 during the EIT Awards online ceremony.

##### 1.1.1 Online voting period

Online voting is open from 00:01 CET, 16 November 2020 until 23:59 CET, 8 December 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> The retention period may be extended in the event of a complaint regarding the voting procedure.

### 1.1.2 Website security

The EIT Public Award 2020 voting website uses Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). This is the secure version of HTTP, the protocol over which data is sent between web browsers and websites. The “S” at the end of HTTPS stands for “Secure”. It means all communications between your browser and the website are encrypted.

Due to the encryption process, information, such as personal data, is protected. Encryption guarantees the confidentiality of personal data, even if it is intercepted.

Web browsers such as Internet Explorer, Edge, Firefox, Opera, Safari and Chrome, also display a padlock icon in the address bar to visually indicate that an HTTPS connection has been established.

### 1.1.3 Cookie policy

A cookie is a small text file placed on a computer, browser or server.

The EIT PUBLIC Award 2020 voting website does not use cookies or similar technology and does not retain browsing data related to the behaviour of visitors for statistical use.

The EIT PUBLIC Award 2020 voting website does not permit third parties, including LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, to install cookies on your computer or browser, and does not permit third parties to access your personal data.

## 2. Result and announcement of the public vote

At the end of the voting period, the Nominee who received the greatest number of online votes (all 2020 EIT Award categories combined) will be declared the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award winner during the 2020 EIT Awards online ceremony.

If two Nominees receive the same number of votes, the declared winner of the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award will be both Nominees.

## 3. Prize

There will be **no financial prize** awarded for the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award winner.

The winner of the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award will have the right to use the title “2020 EIT PUBLIC Award winner”, and may be involved in EIT activities relating to the 2020 Awards (e.g. communication activities).

## 4. Complaints regarding the voting procedure

Complaints regarding the voting procedure may be addressed to the [EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu](mailto:EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu) email address within 15 days after the 2020 EIT Awards event.

## 5. Protection of personal data

All personal data regarding 2020 EIT Awards procedure, including the EIT PUBLIC Award 2020 voting, are processed by the EIT in accordance with the provisions of [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data.

For more information concerning the processing of personal data within the framework of the 2020 EIT Awards procedure, including the EIT PUBLIC Award 2020, you may refer to the privacy statement available here: <https://eit.europa.eu/who-we-are/legal-framework/data-protection>.

## 6. Miscellaneous

The 2020 EIT Awards Nominees may not use external tools or services to artificially inflate their online vote counts. Doing so will result in disqualification from the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award process.

The EIT cannot be held liable for any malfunctions that prevent the vote from proceeding, particularly due to outside malicious acts. Each person is solely responsible for their own visit to the website and participation in online vote.

The EIT also cannot be held liable if one or more voters cannot connect to the website due to technical failures or problems due to network traffic.

In all cases, if the proper administrative and/or technical operation of the online vote is disrupted by a virus, computer bug, unauthorised human intervention, or any other cause beyond the EIT's control, the EIT reserves the right to suspend or interrupt the online voting part of the 2020 EIT PUBLIC Award.

## 7. Contact

If you encounter technical difficulties in voting online, please contact [EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu](mailto:EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu) for support.