

# EIT PUBLIC Award 2019: Online voting terms and conditions

## CAST YOUR VOTE for the 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award!

The 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award will be awarded to one of the Nominees of the 2019 EIT VENTURE Award, EIT CHANGE Award, EIT Woman Leadership & Entrepreneurship Award, or the EIT Innovators Award.

### 1. Voting

#### 1.1 Online voting

The 2019 EIT Awards online voting website can be accessed at the following link:  
<https://eit.europa.eu/innoveit/awards>

Online votes for the 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award are tallied by total e-mail verified clicks on the "vote" button for each 2019 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 2019 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 INNOVEIT 2019 event on 15 October 2019<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 2019 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 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award and do not determine the winners of the 2019 EIT CHANGE, WOMAN, INNOVATORS or the VENTURE Awards. These Awards will be awarded separately following an evaluation by independent external jury members during the INNOVEIT 2019 event on 15 October 2019, and will be announced on 15 October 2019 during the 2019 EIT Awards ceremony.

##### 1.1.1 Online voting period

Online voting is open from 00:01 CET, 2 September 2019 until 17:45 CET, 15 October 2019.

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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 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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.

## 1.2 INNOVEIT 2019 event audience votes

The INNOVEIT 2019 event will be held on **15 October 2019, in Budapest, Hungary**.

The participants of the INNOVEIT 2019 event have an opportunity to vote at the venue using the provided voting terminals. Further instructions for the participants of INNOVEIT 2019 event will be provided at the conference venue.

Any participant of the INNOVEIT 2019 event may vote at the venue, except for EIT Governing Board members, the appointed jury members for the 2019 EIT Awards, and EIT staff.

## 2. Result and announcement of the public vote

At the end of the voting period, the Nominee who received the greatest number of online and INNOVEIT 2019 audience votes (all 2019 EIT Award categories combined) will be declared the 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award winner during the 2019 EIT Awards ceremony of the INNOVEIT 2019 event.

If two Nominees receive the same number of votes, the declared winner of the 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award will be both Nominees.

### **3. Prize**

There will be **no financial prize** awarded for the 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award winner.

The winner of the 2019 EIT PUBLIC Award will have the right to use the title “2019 EIT PUBLIC Award winner”, and may be involved in EIT activities relating to the 2019 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 INNOVEIT 2019 event.

### **5. Protection of personal data**

All personal data regarding 2019 EIT Awards procedure, including the EIT PUBLIC Award 2019 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 2019 EIT Awards procedure, including the EIT PUBLIC Award 2019, you may refer to the privacy statement available here: <https://eit.europa.eu/who-we-are/legal-framework/data-protection>.

### **6. Miscellaneous**

The 2019 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 2019 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 2019 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.