



10th ACI EUROPE Eco-Innovation Award



INTRODUCTION

The 10th Eco-Innovation Award will be presented in 2019 to a European airport for environmental excellence and achievement. The award winner will be announced at the Gala Dinner of the ACI EUROPE Annual Congress in Limassol, Cyprus, on 26 June 2019.

REQUIREMENTS

To compete for this award, airports must be accredited at any level of Airport Carbon Accreditation. Airports are required to provide details of an innovative project for managing an environmental challenge in any one out of the following three environmental disciplines:

- *Climate Change*
- *Noise Management*
- *Biodiversity & Wildlife Management*

For example, an airport implementing an innovative energy savings project focusing on CO₂ reductions, would select "climate change" as the relevant discipline. For the selected discipline an airport shall present an innovative project that has been implemented during the past 5 years (i.e., 2014-2018). The airport must have played a key role in the development and implementation of the project. This project may be related to one or more of the following indicative issues: monitoring, modelling, measurement, preservation, restoration, pollution prevention, resource use, eco-design, reporting, implementation, management systems, assessment,

efficiency initiative, training, awareness, community engagement, etc.

EVALUATION

The selection process will lead to the recognition of one airport with the Eco-Innovation Award. Depending on the quality of applications, an airport with a fast-progressing or innovative project may be highly commended. Applications will be evaluated based on the following quantitative criteria, noting that grades range from 1-4, with 4 being the highest. Weight factors are listed in parentheses (Note: The actual announcement will be more focused and will include the list of criteria only. Details about description, weight, etc. will be available at the application form).

- 1. Environmental effectiveness (15%):** Environmental effect of the project in qualitative (e.g., increased awareness) and/or quantitative terms (e.g., % of CO₂ reduction, % recycling).
- 2. Innovation (15%):** Explicit explanation of and degree to which the project introduces an innovative/unique approach to the airport or the airport industry.
- 3. Environmental co-benefits (10%):** Level of environmental co-benefits in the disciplines not selected as the project's main discipline (e.g., a climate project should identify potential co-benefits regarding
- waste, water/wastewater, noise, local air quality, or biodiversity/wildlife management).
- 4. Social Sustainability (10%):** Level at which the project contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals>).
- 5. Transferability (10%):** Replication potential of the project to other airports or industries in the same or other countries.
- 6. Recognition (10%):** Level of recognition or appreciation of the project within the specific airport boundaries, the local community, nationally or internationally.
- 7. Employee engagement (10%):** Degree of involvement of airport departments/employees in the project design and implementation.
- 8. Stakeholder engagement (10%):** Degree of involvement of key external stakeholders in the project design and implementation.
- 9. Durability (5%):** Duration of the project's environmental and sustainability effects.
- 10. Voluntariness (5%):** Degree to which the project is developed as result of voluntary action (as opposed to regulatory requirement).

DEADLINE FOR YOUR ENTRY:

All entries should be received in an electronic format, together with the entry form and administrative fee of €500, by **Friday 5th April 2019**. Entrants will be assessed by a prestigious panel of judges from within the industry and key institutional stakeholders, and winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner of the ACI EUROPE Annual Congress 2019 in Cyprus.

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