



11th ACI EUROPE Eco-Innovation Award



INTRODUCTION

The 11th Eco-Innovation Award will be presented in 2020 to a European airport for environmental excellence and achievement. The award winner will be announced during the Gala Dinner at the ACI EUROPE Annual Assembly & Congress in Geneva, Switzerland on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

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 of the following three environmental disciplines:

- *Climate Change*
- *Local Air Quality*
- *Water & Wastewater 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. 2015-2019). 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 one airport being awarded 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 in 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).

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