



CONTEST

MIAC-ASSOCARTA AWARD

Prize for the innovation in the paper industry - 1st edition

MIAC and Assocarta establish and announce an innovation award for the paper mills that introduced innovation elements in their manufacturing processes and/or products during the year 2019.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The organisers, with Aticelca technical partnership, aim at promoting and enhancing investments in, and implementation of, innovation technologies in the paper industries operating in Italy. The target is to boost the competitiveness of the paper sector, also by providing the paper industry suppliers of an enhanced situational awareness in the technologies needed by the paper manufacturing industries. As a goal to work towards we aim also at gathering and disseminate the best practices applied to the paper sector.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The possibility to apply for the award is open to all the paper companies with an Italian registered office, commercial or operations site, which have developed innovative products or introduced innovative manufacturing processes in a production mill located in Italy over the period between 15 July 2018 and 15 July 2019.

Applications may be submitted for the following categories:

1. **Process innovation** (technical solutions, whether technological or operational, adopted in the pulp, paper, board and tissue production, featuring innovative elements at national level in the process phases of raw materials preparation, paper production or in the facilities maintenance activities. Tissue paper converting and printing is also included).
2. **Product innovation** (pulp, paper, board and tissue products featuring innovative elements for characteristics, performance or application scope. Any kind of converted or printed tissue paper product is also included).
3. **Innovation for energy** (technical solutions, whether technological or operational, adopted in the pulp, paper, board and tissue production, featuring innovative elements at national level in energy production or use. Tissue paper converting and printing phases are also included).
4. **Innovation for circular economy** (technical solutions, whether technological or operational, adopted in the pulp, paper, board and tissue production, featuring

innovative elements at national level for the recovery, reuse and recycling of resources and materials. Any phase of the tissue paper converting and printing is also included).

APPLICATIONS SUBMISSION

The applicant are asked to produce a written work on the proposed product or technology addressing the innovative elements or improvements they convey in terms of process efficiency, product quality or cost reduction. The proposed product or technology should document plant, process or management modifications. The same should also conform with the safety and environmental sustainability requirements of the relevant national regulations.

Each candidate can apply to one or more award categories, with the same innovative practice or with different innovative practices.

AWARD PRIZES

A prize will be assigned to the first classified of each category. An overall winner will also be selected from the four category winners.

Prizes will be assigned based on the judgement of a Jury, helped by the online votes.

Prizes will be given Friday 11 October 2019 during the MIAC exhibition in Lucca, in a dedicated event.

All candidate companies as well as all their innovative practices will be mentioned during the event and in ad hoc communications.

The prizes does not have economic value.

AWARD ASSIGNMENT

The awards will be recognized at the sole discretion of an examining commission supported by an online assessment open to all the registered participants for MIAC exhibition who will express their opinion by 10 September 2019.

The examining commission will assess the accuracy of the information reported in the applications and will select the best in terms of innovation, positive economic impact for the sector, technical-scientific interest and the possibility of being replicated in other paper-based realities, also taking into account the outcome of online assessment, which will have a weight equal to one third, while the of the Commission judgment will have a weight equal to the remaining two thirds.

The examining commission consist of 4 Aticelca Members, chosen by Aticelca Board of Directors, that can be considered representative of the 4 main paper production sectors (graphic, packaging, tissue and special papers) and will be chaired by a member of Assocarta Board of Directors. MIAC and Assocarta will execute this decision.

PARTICIPANT'S OBLIGATIONS

By sending the documentation referred to in point 6, the candidate companies assume the following obligations:

- A. The winners of the category awards and the overall winner accept to receive the award during the MIAC event scheduled for 11 October 2019 in Lucca.
- B. With the submission, all candidates authorize MIAC and Assocarta, which organize the Award, to publish the papers on MIAC website, on "Carte e cartiere" magazine, the official body of MIAC, on MIAC and Assocarta social media and other publications on the topic.
- C. The submission of the application implies the acceptance of the terms and conditions set out in this call for applications.

FAILURE TO GRANT THE AWARD

The Examining Commission, at its sole discretion, reserves the right not to assign the established recognition if the required quality level is not reached.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All the information collected and processed will be treated in compliance with all the applicable laws.

APPLICATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The application form should be sent within the 22th July 2019 by filling out the online form available on the following link: <https://innovation.miac.info/en>

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