

BRCC AWARDS GALA CATEGORIES 2026

CATEGORIES:

1. Small and Medium Enterprise of the year
2. Sustainability and Environment Award
3. NGO Initiative of the year
4. Business with purpose (CSR)
5. Best Innovation in Technology

Application Timeline

Step 1- Application

Applications open on 2nd of February

- Complete your application form for the BRCC Awards 2026
- Only fully completed applications submitted prior to the deadline of 1st of April will be accepted.

Submit your application [HERE](#) by 1st of April.

Step 2 - Application Review

- A judging panel of specialists with expertise in different fields that cover all the categories subjects will filter the applications by 6th of April.

Step 3 - Jury

- The BRCC Awards Jury will individually analyze and decide on the Award Winner for each category. In case of equal nominations, the Head of Jury will decide on the final winner (6th-20th of April).

Step 4 - Ceremony

- All the participants in the competition will be invited to attend the Award Ceremony held at JW Marriott Bucharest on 27th of April. We encourage companies to save this date, so that they can attend the ceremony in person and receive their trophy!

Terms and Conditions

All entrants or nominations must be active members of the BRCC:

1. The Judging Panel reserves the right to place your entry into a category it feels most appropriate.
2. The Judging Panel reserves the right to create or remove categories based on the number of entries received.
3. The Gala allows affiliated companies of jury members to apply for a particular category. Yet, the Jury Member is precluded from adjudicating in that specific category to maintain fairness and transparency.
4. The applicants acknowledge that if they are awarded, the award is personal to the winner and is not assignable to another business/entity.
5. The Awards presented will be granted to the organization or the person named on the application form.
6. No modifications to applications will be permitted after the date of submission although submissions may be withdrawn prior to announcement of winners.
7. A finalist MUST have a representative present at the Awards Gala Event on 27th of April at JW Marriott Bucharest.
8. The winner of each award will be invited to give an acceptance speech, for a maximum of 2 minutes.
9. Nomination for the Awards is **FREE**, we encourage all active BRCC members to apply to the categories they feel suitable for them.
10. All companies who applied are invited to attend the Gala by acquiring a member ticket to the event.
11. Your privacy is protected, and all entries are regarded as **CONFIDENTIAL** and all individuals involved in the judging process are required to complete a 'Confidentiality Agreement'.

Conditions of Entry:

- Any organisation, including those directly involved with the nominated scheme or project, may submit an entry.
- Each submission may be entered into only one category (if the entity wants to enter more than one category, each entry should be linked to a project/initiative tailored to match the relevant category's criteria).
- By entering the Awards you agree to the information you send, to be used in press releases, on BRCC's website and within BRCC editorial content (however, if there are parts of the application considered confidential and for the judges' eyes only, please mark clearly to this effect).
- Specific conditions of entry for each category are noted below.
- Entries must be submitted in the official entry format, by completing the form provided by BRCC

BRCC AWARDS CATEGORIES CRITERIA:

1. Small and Medium Enterprise of the year

We consider Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) the companies that meet the following criteria:

- Maximum number of employees: 200
- Operating in Romania or UK
- Annual revenue: up to 50M EUR in 2024-2025

In your application, you should:

- Describe your company's activity and profile briefly, including key products, services, or areas of expertise.
- Present your business performance in 2025, such as revenue growth, operational improvements, market expansion, diversification, or customer base development.
- Highlight notable achievements in 2025, such as innovation efforts, digitalisation, sustainability initiatives, successful partnerships, awards, social or community impact, investment projects, or major milestones.
- Explain your company culture, leadership approach, and actions taken to support employees, including development, inclusion, and well-being.
- Outline your future plans, including strategic goals, growth opportunities, and the company's ability to adapt to changing market conditions or industry challenges.

2. Sustainability and Environment Award

- Open to companies only (not to NGOs)
- Describe your business and activity profile. Mention the company's most outstanding project in the scope of sustainability and environmental and how did the project contribute to accelerate the delivery of ESG goals and aspirations, notably through data and digital innovation.
- Describe the project milestone achievements over the past 12 months, this could include significant contribution, innovations, products and/or services developed, and its impact in the society.
- Briefly mention why this project is important for the company and how it has contributed to society. This is all about the overall intended efforts, and impact that the organization has created or is creating through its various CSR projects and programs. These initiatives can be a stand-alone project or through partnerships or association of more than one organization's collaborations.
- Why should the project be recognized as Sustainability and Environmental Awards for 2025-2026?

3. NGO Initiative of the year

- Open to NGOs only (not to companies).
- Describe your NGO's current mission.
- What is the NGO's most outstanding project in the scope of developing an innovative approach to solve a pressing need within the community.

- Describe the project milestone achievements over the past 12 months, this could include significant contribution, innovations, products and/or services developed, and its impact in the society.
- Briefly mention why this project is important for the NGO and how it has contributed to the society and how did it demonstrate leadership in inspiring change while addressing specific community needs.
- Why the NGO should be recognized as the NGO of the year for 2025?

4. Business with purpose (CSR)

- Open to companies only (not to NGOs)
 - Describe your business and activity profile.
 - What is the company's most outstanding CSR Project that combines innovation with high impact in any of the thematic areas.
 - Describe the project milestone achievements over the past 12 months, this could include significant contribution, innovations, products and/or services developed, and its impact in the society.
 - Briefly mention why this project is important for the company and how it has contributed to society. This is all about the overall intended efforts, and impact that the organization has created or is creating through its various CSR projects and programs. These initiatives can be a stand-alone project or through partnerships or association of more than one organization's collaborations.
 - Why should this project be recognized for the *Business with Purpose Award (CSR)* for 2025-2026?

5. Best Innovation in Technology

- Explain how you identified the need for your solution and how you assessed the market demand for it.
- Describe the technology or solution your organization developed, and why you consider it to be innovative / differentiating from other similar solutions
- Outline the development process of this innovation, including research, design, and implementation phases.
- Discuss the scalability of your technology - how it can be adapted, expanded, or applied to other industries or markets.
- Provide evidence of the tangible results and measurable impact of your innovation, including social or commercial aspects as applicable.