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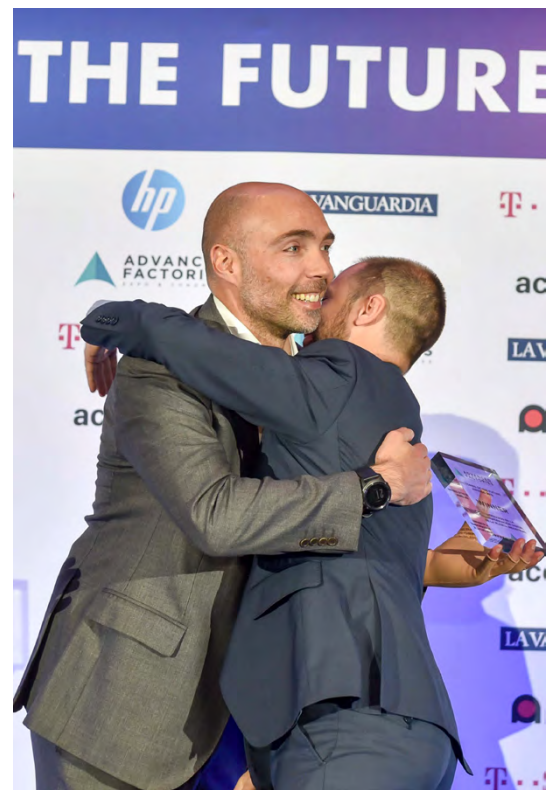
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01. FACTORIES OF THE FUTURE AWARDS

The Factories of the Future Awards are designed to recognize the work, leadership and transformation of those companies that invest in innovation in the industry automation and digitalization, being Awards mission to foster and promote such innovation to be implemented on the areas of business model, new products, equipment, communication management, operational processes, marketing or customer experience.



02. CATEGORIES TO AWARD

The proposals that will be considered and accepted to participate in these awards must respond to the following categories:

A. Leadership in industrial plant transformation towards his digitalization

This award category is addressed to recognize companies that have made a transversal transformation of their processes incorporating digitalization and automation in their operations, in the customer experience and that of their employees.

The measures resented to the prizes must be implemented before the closing date of the candidatures.

D. Best Research and development of artificial intelligence applied in industrial plants: B. Most disruptive startup in the industrial sector

Category B is intended to recognize startup companies and entrepreneurship projects with a trajectory of less than 6 years with a value proposition in the industrial field and manufacturing technologies.

Candidates may come from both industrial solutions providers and manufacturing companies.

D. Best Research and development of artificial intelligence applied in industrial plants: C. Best industrial equipment for the factory of the future

Category C is intended to reward those provider of solutions that allow the implementation of machinery and equipment for production and collaboration for the digitalization and automation of industrial processes.

It will be an indispensable requirement that the products or services are already implemented in at least two companies at the closing date of applications.

D. Best Research and development of artificial intelligence applied in industrial plants:

Category D is intended for research and development in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) in industrial and production processes. It includes prototype implants and pilot plants.

The application must mention the start and end date of the project, which must be at most before the end of 2019. It will be mentioned if the project has received public support for Research & Development.



03. ORGANIZER

The Factories of the Future Awards are organized by Advanced Factories.

Evaluation and pre-selection process will be carried out in collaboration with a technical committee of international experts.

04. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The Factories of the Future Awards are aimed at experts, researchers, professionals, entrepreneurs, universities, associations and organizations from all over the world who want to present and discuss the latest solutions and technologies that are emerging in the new era of Industry 4.0, as well as to spread ideas and experiences that are being increasingly consolidated in the industrial sector.

There is no restriction on Factories of the Future Awards. The mission of these awards is to foment and promote innovation in the industry automation. Any organization can qualify for these awards, as long as it can attest to its candidacy.

05. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

To enter in the running Factories of the Future Awards, please fill in the form available online.

Proposals must be submitted electronically via the website <https://www.advancedfactories.com/en/awards/> and have to accept to the terms and conditions included in the online form.

The form and all complementary information will have to be filled out entirely in English, Spanish or Catalan. (No proposals in any other languages will be accepted).

The proposal will consist of an executive summary of an extension of less than 1000 words and 4 pages including images. The proposal may be complemented with annexes and photographs in an extension document total less than (5MB

**Proposals must be presented before
2020 January, 22nd
at 23:59:59 CET.**



06. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposals will be evaluated by the jury according to criteria of disruption and leadership.

The proposal will be structured so that it can be identified:

- The vision of the project
- The value proposition
- Innovation
- Involvement of the human team

The description of the evolution of the project and its escalation calendar will be assessed.

07. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation process is divided in two phases:

PHASE 1:

Regulation compliance and pre-selection: the organization and a Technical Committee of experts will conduct the first evaluation to check whether the proposal complies with the requirements and selection criteria defined.

The evaluation process will be held by the members of the Steering International Committee individually, with the aim of selecting the finalists of each category.

Pre-selected candidates will be informed as of March 15th, 2018.

If needed and exceptionally, the organization will ask for complementary information to the candidate's proposal.

PHASE 2:

Winners' selection: the International Committee of experts will evaluate the projects selecting the winner by prize category. The composition of the panel and the prizes winners will be communicated during the Factories of the Future Awards Gala Dinner Ceremony.

Any prize award category could be declared void by the International Committee.

08. PRE-SELECTION COMMUNICATION

Pre-selected candidates will be informed from **February 10th, 2020**.



09. PRIZES

The Factories of the Future Awards will award the winners with the following prizes:

- A single invitation to attend to the Awards Gala Dinner for all the finalists of each category.
- Award of the prize won and the corresponding category, for the winner of each category.
- Dissemination of each of the awards to all general and specialized media accredited in advanced factories.

10. INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The participant is responsible for the authorship of the submitted proposal; he/she is the owner of the intellectual and, where applicable, industrial property rights thereof.

The participant is accountable for the proposal submitted not violating intellectual property rights, industrial property rights, copyright and/or image rights and assumes complete responsibility with regard to third parties: the Organization is free of all liability.

Should the proposal be short-listed, the participant authorizes the Organization to disseminate, reproduce and publish the proposal in any format and using any medium to publicize the Factories of the Future Awards. By the arguments and information that support the presentation.

11. DATA PROTECTION

Due to the sensitive nature of the information supplied, the award organizers, the coordinator, and the members of the International Committee and Technical Committee guarantee to keep the identity of participants and the content of their project confidential outside the sphere of the Factories of the Future Awards. This also includes any information about its current state of use or development.

Once the project has been selected as a finalist, the organizers of this award may make public any details considered as public (project name, organization responsible, person in charge, websites, description, purpose and category).



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