

Statute of the AI Awards 2024

Conditions for involvement, selection criteria for registered projects, evaluation process, committee

What is AI Awards - Trustworthy AI?

AI Awards - Trustworthy AI is a project aimed at organizations and their AI teams, which strive to develop and deploy their systems with artificial intelligence (AI systems) in a responsible manner, taking into account the principles of the so-called trustworthy and human-centric AI. The AI Awards will have a different thematic focus every year, as a result, this statute is specific to the AI Awards 2024 and the next years of the award will have a new and own statute. The organizer of the award is the Kempelen Institute of Intelligent Technologies.

The center of the award is the combination of artificial intelligence and ethics. The use of artificial intelligence opens the door to key ethical questions, such as the impact of AI systems on human autonomy, their reliability, security, or privacy protection.

Who can join

The AI Awards - Trustworthy AI 2024 is a national award that wants to draw attention to domestic developers and providers of AI systems. Slovak companies or individuals who have successfully developed or implemented AI systems or cooperate with a foreign partner in the field of AI for products and services on the Slovak market can join. Organizations that operate in several countries at the same time and have their headquarters outside the Slovak Republic can apply for the award only if they have their own representation in Slovakia (e.g. branch, subsidiary), or a legal entity, and they actually carry out their activities here.

How to get involved

1. Visit the HOPERO website and find more information about application deadlines. Your AI systems can be **submitted** between **November 20, 2023 and February 29, 2024**.
2. Registered AI systems will be **evaluated from March 2024 to April 2024**.
3. The necessary condition for the applicants to be considered, is to provide real and correct data in the application form on the website <https://hopero.sk/ai-awards/>.
4. Part of the application form is the mandatory completion of a questionnaire and the provision of consent to be included among the applicants for the award.

5. Registration can be performed by any provider of an AI system (a product or service using artificial intelligence methods). If the service or product uses a modification of an already existing AI system, it must be done with the consent of the provider of this AI system.

Procedure for the evaluation of registered projects

1. Completed applications will be evaluated by an expert committee, made up of representatives **of HOPERO and the Commission for Ethics and Regulation of AI (CERAI)**. In general, the organizer will establish an expert committee for the relevant year of the award, so that there are represented experts who have demonstrable expertise and knowledge on the topic of the relevant year.
2. Each registered system will be evaluated individually based on the data obtained from the questionnaires.
3. Applicants registered in the AI Awards 2024, who demonstrate a sufficient degree of sensitivity to the responsible development and implementation of their AI systems, will be included in the shortlist of finalists.
4. A prerequisite for inclusion in the shortlist of finalists for the AI Awards 2024 is truthful and correct filling in of the questionnaire in order to present an AI system that can be considered trustworthy, ethical and human-centric and the resulting sum of points obtained from the members of the evaluation committee.
5. Nominations of the finalists, collected data from the questionnaires or evaluation metrics used in assessing projects and assigned points will not be publicly accessible and will be available to committee members only for the needs of expert assessment of the given AI system.
6. Each subject, or an applicant for the award can only be among the finalists once, i.e. each application for a specific AI solution is assessed separately, but we will select only the best one from a given entity for the finals.
7. The evaluation of the individual AI systems applying for the award in 2024 is based on the expertise of each member of the commission in order to decide which submitted project best meets the requirements for trustworthy and responsible development and deployment of AI systems as described in the Ethics [Guidelines for trustworthy artificial intelligence](#) and in the document [Assessment List for Trustworthy AI](#).
8. The final awardee is decided by an evaluation system based on the allocation of points from individual members of the commission. **The AI system with the highest number of points** awarded in the first and second round of the evaluation process **will receive the AI Awards - Trustworthy AI**.
9. Any attempt to influence the opinion of the committee members will be investigated and punished by exclusion from participation in the AI Awards.
10. The members of the commission that assess the given AI system cannot be in a conflict of interest. Direct involvement in the business activities of the registered

applicant, potential pecuniary or non-pecuniary benefit or other bias towards the registered applicant is considered a conflict of interest. In the event of a conflict of interests, the chairman of the commission assigns the assessment of the given AI system to another member of the commission or invites a new member of the commission.

11. The finalists and award winners consented to the processing of their personal data, during registration, for the purpose of publishing their names and other data necessary for the promotion of the AI Award, including the promotion of AI Awards during the next years.
12. The information shared by the registered entities through the registration form is confidential, it will not be published during the evaluation and awarding or after the end, unless this statute provides otherwise. In order to prevent the leak of sensitive information contained in the applications and the misuse of personal data, the members of the commission are obliged to maintain confidentiality.

What the finalists and the award winner will receive

1. **Promotion of the AI system** within the network of Slovak innovators, experts and innovative companies through the European Digital Innovation Hub - Hopero (note: Through presentations at events, using social networks and direct mailing)
2. **Public recognition** by an expert committee for your efforts to create and use responsible AI systems with artificial intelligence.
3. The Responsible AI awards do not include a financial reward.
4. **Professional and independent consultation** from AI experts from the Hopero team.

Expert evaluation committee

1. The commission consists of five members.
2. AI Awards - Trustworthy AI committee members are AI experts with a focus on AI ethics and regulation.
3. The members of the commission are individuals who volunteered, and the founder of the award selected five members of the expert commission from among the applicants.
4. All members of the commission will evaluate the registered systems individually and together, taking into account the degree to which the registered AI systems manage to meet the requirements set for trustworthy AI.
5. The submitted projects will be analyzed and evaluated by the commission members according to the degree of success in facing the challenges to the development and deployment of trustworthy and ethical AI described in the questionnaire. The evaluation criteria are based on the concept of trustworthiness and responsibility to

users and society. Among the main evaluation criteria are requirements for respect for human autonomy, prevention of harm, justice, transparency, or the ability to face negative impacts on the affected groups.

6. The task of the committee is to determine the finalists and then the laureate who will receive the AI Awards: Trustworthy AI.