AI Awards 2025 Statute

Conditions for Participation, Selection Criteria for Submitted Projects, Evaluation Process, Committee

What is AI Awards: Trustworthy AI?

The AI Awards: Trustworthy AI is a project aimed at organisations and their AI teams who strive to develop and deploy their artificial intelligence systems (AI systems) in a responsible way, taking into account the principles of trustworthy and human-centred AI. The AI Awards may have a different thematic focus each year; as a result, this statute is specific to the AI Awards 2025, and subsequent editions of the awards may have a new and customized statute. The award is organized by the Kempelen Institute of Intelligent Technologies. The co-organiser of the AI Awards 2025 is Hopero - the European Digital Innovation Hub SKAI-eDIH.

The core of the award is the integration of artificial intelligence and ethical principles. The use of artificial intelligence opens the door to key ethical questions, such as the impact of AI systems on human autonomy, safety or privacy.

Who Can Participate

AI Awards: Trustworthy AI 2025 is a national award aimed at highlighting domestic developers and providers of AI systems. Companies or individuals operating in Slovakia that have successfully developed or deployed AI systems, or are developing cooperation with foreign partners in the field of AI for products and services that have found a place on the Slovak market, can apply. Organizations that operate in multiple countries and are headquartered outside Slovakia can only apply if they have a representation in Slovakia (e.g., a branch, subsidiary), or a legal entity, and actually conduct part of their activities here.

How to Participate

1. Visit the AI Awards website (https://aiawards.sk) and follow the instructions and deadlines on the site to submit your application.
2. The submitted AI systems will be **evaluated** according to the schedule on the AI Awards website.
3. The condition for being considered as an award candidate is the accurate and truthful filling out of the information in the application form found on the AI Awards website.
4. The application form includes a mandatory questionnaire and consent to be included among the award candidates.
5. Registration can be done by any provider of an AI system (product or service utilizing artificial intelligence methods). If the service or product uses a modification of an existing AI system, it must be done with the consent of the provider of that AI system. This is the responsibility of the applicant.

Procedure for the Evaluation of Submitted Projects

1. The completed applications for the AI Awards 2025 will be evaluated by an expert committee composed of representatives from **HOPERO and the Permanent Committee on Ethics and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence (CERAI)**. Generally, the organizer appoints the expert committee for the respective award year, ensuring that it includes experts with proven expertise and knowledge relevant to the theme of that year.

2. Each submitted AI system will be evaluated individually based on the information provided in the questionnaire.

3. Applicants who have previously been laureates of the AI Awards: Trustworthy AI will be automatically excluded from the evaluation.

4. Registered applicants for the AI Awards 2025 who demonstrate sufficient sensitivity to responsible development and implementation of their AI systems based on the completed questionnaire will be shortlisted as finalists.

5. The prerequisite for being shortlisted as a finalist for the AI Awards 2025 is the correct and truthful completion of the questionnaire to present an AI system that can be considered trustworthy, ethical, and human-centered, and the total score obtained from the evaluation committee members.

6. Nominations for the shortlist of finalists, collected data from the questionnaires, and evaluation metrics used in assessing projects and awarding points will not be publicly accessible and will be available to committee members only for the purpose of professional assessment of the AI system.

7. Each entity, or applicant for the award, can be among the finalists only once, so each application of a particular AI solution is evaluated separately, but we will select only the best one from a given entity for the finals.

8. The evaluation of individual AI systems competing for the award in 2025 is based on the expertise of each committee member to determine which submitted project best meets the requirements for trustworthy AI development and deployment, as described in the Ethical Guidelines for Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence and the Assessment List for Trustworthy AI.

9. The final award recipient is determined by an evaluation system based on the awarding of points by individual committee members. **The AI system with the highest number of points**, awarded after the second round of the evaluation process, **will receive the AI Awards: Trustworthy AI**.

10. Any attempt to influence the opinion of the committee members will be investigated and punished by disqualification from participation in the AI Awards.

11. Committee members evaluating a given AI system must not have any conflicts of interest. A conflict of interest is considered to be direct involvement in the business activities of the applicant, financial or non-financial benefits, or any other significant bias towards the applicant. In the case of a conflict of interest, the committee chair will assign the evaluation of the AI system to another committee member or invite a new committee member.

12. The finalists and laureate of the awards have given consent for the processing of their personal data during registration for the purpose of publishing their names and other necessary information for the promotion of the AI Awards, including the promotion of its future editions.

13. The information shared by the applicants through the application form is confidential. It will not be disclosed during the evaluation and awarding process or after its completion, unless otherwise specified by this statute. To

prevent the leakage of sensitive information contained in the applications and the misuse of personal data, committee members are required to maintain confidentiality.

What do the Finalists and Laureate of the AI Awards 2025 Receive?

1. **Promotion of their AI system** within the network of Slovak innovators, experts, and innovative companies through the European Digital Innovation Hub - Hopero (mainly through presentations at events and the use of social media).
2. **Public recognition** of their efforts to create and use responsible AI systems by the expert committee.
3. **The opportunity for professional and independent consultation** from AI experts from the Hopero team.
4. The award does not include a financial reward.

Expert Evaluation Committee

1. The committee consists of at least five members.
2. The members of the AI Awards: Trustworthy AI committee are experts in the field of AI, focusing on AI ethics and regulation.
3. The committee members are individuals who volunteered and were selected by the award's organizer from the pool of applicants.
4. All committee members will evaluate the submitted systems both individually and collectively, considering the extent to which the submitted AI systems meet the requirements for trustworthy AI.
5. The submitted projects will be analyzed and evaluated by the committee members based on their success in addressing the challenges of developing and deploying trustworthy and ethical AI as described in the questionnaire. The evaluation criteria are based on the concept of trustworthiness and responsibility to users and society. The main evaluation criteria include requirements for respecting human autonomy, preventing harm, fairness, transparency, or the ability to address negative impacts on affected individuals.
6. The committee's task is to determine the finalists and subsequently the laureate who will receive the AI Awards: Trustworthy AI.