



# Benelux Power Excellence Awards

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## Benelux Power 2016 Excellence Awards

### I. Announcement -

BeNeLux Power, Europe's smartest IBM Power Expo and Conference, is pleased to open nominations for the 2016 Power & IBM i Excellence Awards. We wish to give additional visibility to clients and BPs/ISVs/Consultants to showcase their best solutions. Individuals and organizations that have discovered innovative ways to utilize their Power Systems and/or IBM i platform are in luck. Now is the time to nominate you as a client or a BP/ISV/Consultant on behalf of its client – for one of the Benelux Power Excellence Awards. [The nomination deadline for the 2016 awards is Wednesday, 14 September 2016, 23:59 hours CEST.](#)

The solutions should already exist and if submitted by a BP/ISV/Consultant should be easily implementable at other locations. The judges will be industry experts and IBMers.

[There are 3 categories - Infrastructure & Security, Software and Database solutions and Managed Services.](#)

A jury of representatives of Benelux Power and IBM Benelux will select the winner and the nominees. Their decisions are final.

There will be 3 nominees (one winner and 2 finalists) in each category. All the nominees are awarded a 20 minutes slot in a special Excellence Awards stream in Benelux Power 2016, 20 October. Client nominees present their solutions themselves. The BP/ISV/Consultant showcases its solution through a client.

### II. What will the winners and finalists receive (for each category) -

All the winners and finalists will be honoured during the opening session of the Benelux Power Expo and Conference in Eindhoven on 20 October 2016, where the winners will be announced. They receive:

1. An award + Certificate for the winner,
2. Certificates for the two finalists,
3. A free registration to the client nominee or the client representing the channel partner / services provider nominee,
4. A 20 minutes presentation opportunity in the Excellence Awards stream,
5. Wide publicity in Social Media and in IBM and industry national and international press.

### III. Award Categories explanations -

#### 1. Infrastructure or Security Excellence

This award demonstrates the versatility of the Power Systems and/or the integrated IBM i platform. Nominees need to demonstrate cost-effective server management, virtualization, high availability, security or other overall IT infrastructure excellence achieved with the Power Systems or IBM i.

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## 2. Software or Data Base Excellence

Nominees in this category should demonstrate innovative implementations of industry, business applications, mobile computing or innovative data base solutions running at least in part on the Power Systems or IBM i platform.

## 3. Managed Services Excellence

Nominees for this award will show innovations using managed services involving the Power Systems and/or IBM i platform.

## IV. Timeline -

1. Beginning of July 2016 - Awards website open for submissions,
2. 14 September 23:59 CEST - Submission Deadline,
3. 15 to 23 September - Judges' review for the 3 finalists and the winner in each category,
4. 26 September - Finalists notified for attendance and for preparing 20 minute presentations in the Benelux Power Excellence Award stream, 20 October, Eindhoven,
5. Benelux Power Expo and Conference opening Session 20 October - Winners and nominees honoured.

## V. Guidelines -

1. Submission deadline is 14 September, 23:59 hours CEST.
2. Submitters must be Power Systems or IBM i clients, IBM Business Partners, ISV's or Consultants, submitting on behalf of their client.
3. All mandatory questions on the submission form must be completed.
4. Please prepare a draft of your replies in Word or any other tool helping you to revise it before submission. A submission template to facilitate the process is in attachment.
5. When ready, copy and paste different items on-line and 'submit' the form at this link [http://www.common.be/BeNeLux\\_Power\\_Excellence\\_Awards](http://www.common.be/BeNeLux_Power_Excellence_Awards).
6. All submitted nominations are considered final unless a resubmission is requested before the deadline.
7. In case of resubmission(s), the last nomination form before the deadline will be considered final.
8. Nominations are permitted in more than one category by each submitter (client or BP/ISV/Consultant on behalf of a client). However the solutions must be different in each category.
9. Clients must indicate their company's consent to submit the nomination by providing the name and title of an authorized representative from their company.
10. Business Partners, ISVs or Consultants must provide the client contact details. If needed, Benelux Power will verify the solution existence and the satisfaction of the client.
11. By consenting to the nomination, submitters are also consenting to all promotional activity as described in the Terms and conditions on the submission tab on the web site.
12. Do not forward any information which is considered confidential by you or by any third party.
13. Benelux Power and IBM Benelux decisions are final.



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## VI. Entrance fee (to cover organization expenses) -

1. Free for clients for their own solutions and sponsors with Partner or Well-wisher level,
2. 200 Euro + VAT for BPs/ISVs/Consultants whether they are sponsor or not.

## VII. Judging criteria -

Judging will be done following these guidelines:

1. Each entry will be judged on its thoroughness and completeness. The size of the entry does not influence how the entry is judged.
2. Entries will be considered based upon the award category description including, innovation, uniqueness, repeatability and the inclusion of current Power Systems and IBM i products and offerings.
3. Each category will have three finalists (including the winner). In the event of a tie, the decision will be handed over to a third party judge (IBM, COMMON or industry expert chosen by Benelux Power or IBM Benelux).

## VIII. Terms and conditions -

By submitting your nomination for the 2016 Benelux Power Excellence Awards, you agree to have your submission materials reviewed by a jury composed of industry experts, Benelux Power and IBM Benelux representatives. If your nomination is chosen as a nominee/winner, you agree to the terms outlined below.

Benelux Power plans to promote the winners and nominees of the 2016 Excellence Awards. These promotional activities may include, but not limited to, promotional materials such as print media, the web, video, and press releases. If you are chosen a nominee/winner, you are consenting to:

1. Listing your company information - Company Name, Logo, Product Name (if applicable), URL, and Award Name.
2. Use of your nomination submission materials for evaluation and promotion.
3. Recording, photographing, and/or videotaping testimonials regarding your nomination.

If you are a vendor, consulting company, or business partner that is submitting a nomination for a project conducted at a third-party company, you are responsible for securing all releases from that company listing Benelux Power, including, but not limited to, the items described above.

## IX. Submission link -

[http://www.common.be/BeNeLux\\_Power\\_Excellence\\_Awards](http://www.common.be/BeNeLux_Power_Excellence_Awards)

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