

ELIGIBILITY TERMS & CONDITIONS



AWARDS

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INTRODUCTION

The present Terms and Conditions (“T&C”) govern participation in the UITP Awards, organized by the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) for the Dubai Summit 2026 (the “Awards”). They establish the rules, requirements, and procedures applicable to all Participants and submissions.

A Call for Submissions (the “Call”) will be published by UITP, specifying the categories of the Awards, the eligibility criteria, and the timeline for Submissions. Applications must be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Call and these T&C.

By submitting an application to the Awards (the “Submission”), each submitting party (the “Participant”) acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by these T&C in their entirety. Any Submission that does not comply with these provisions may be deemed ineligible at the sole discretion of UITP.

UITP reserves the right to amend, interpret, or supplement these T&C at any time, with or without prior notice, where necessary to ensure the proper conduct of the Awards.

WHO CAN APPLY

The Call for Submissions is open to companies and organisations who are UITP Members only.

Joint Submissions are allowed under the following conditions:

- If you are not a UITP Member but have contributed to a project with a Member, Submission must be made by the Member.
- In the event of a joint application being selected as a winner, only the UITP Member will be officially acknowledged and entitled to receive the trophy during the Awards Ceremony.

2.ELIGIBILITY

The projects submitted should meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Submissions must be made by a UITP Member as defined above
- Submissions must be written and made in English only
- Projects must fall into one of the Award Categories as published in the Call
- Projects must have been initiated and/or delivered and/or accomplished major milestone/s within the two-year period starting from 2023.
- Participants shall not submit projects that have been previously submitted in the latest edition of the Awards. This restriction is intended to avoid

- repeated recognition of the same projects across different Awards cycles.
- Each participant may submit a maximum of three applications in total across all categories:
 - The participant may be an organisation or a company. If the participant is part of a group (e.g. subsidiary within a group), the group as a whole, including all its subsidiaries and entities, is limited to submitting a maximum of three applications in total.
 - If more than three applications are submitted, only the first three received will be considered.

3.COMMITMENTS AND AKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS AND FINALISTS

- The finalists commit to the following:
 - At least one representative of the finalists company must register to the UITP Summit 2026 in Dubai.
 - At least one representative of the finalists company must attend the Awards Ceremony taking place during the Summit.
 - UITP shall confer Achievement Awards and Impact Awards, whereby one winner shall be selected and awarded per region. UITP reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine the criteria, process and final designation of such finalists and winners.
 - Participants must produce a short video presenting their project, based on the instructions given by UITP. By submitting the video, the Participant explicitly consent to its broadcast during the Award Ceremony should they be selected as the winner.
 - The titles provided by participants at the time of submission shall remain final and unchanged throughout the entire Awards process, and UITP will use such titles consistently in all related communications and publications.

Failure to meet any of these commitments will result in disqualification from being awarded, and UITP reserves the right to select an alternative winner.

- As a reward for being selected as a finalist, the representant will be offered a preferential registration fee of € 980 (excl. VAT). This fee strictly applies for one representative only
- The Awards Ceremony is to be attended in-person only and will take place in Dubai during the UITP Summit between April 21-23. The precise date and time will be shared well in advance

4. DATA PROTECTION AND GDPR COMPLIANCE

1. **Controller**

UITP acts as the data controller for all personal data collected and processed in the context of the Awards.

2. **Purpose of Processing**

Personal data of Participants and their representatives (including but not limited to names, contact details, images, video recordings, logos, voices, and project-related content) will be collected and processed solely for the purposes of organising, administering, promoting, and publicising the Awards and related UITP activities.

3. **Lawful Basis for Processing**

The processing of personal data is based on:

- **Performance of a contract** (Article 6(1)(b) GDPR) – to manage participation in the Awards.
- **Legitimate interests** (Article 6(1)(f) GDPR) – to promote and publicise the Awards and its winners.
- **Consent** (Article 6(1)(a) GDPR) – for the use of photos, videos, and logos for communication and promotional purposes.

4. **Use and Disclosure**

By participating, participants and their representatives agree that, in the event they are shortlisted or win an Award, their name, logo, project description, photos, and videos may be published or displayed by UITP on its website, social media platforms, press releases, printed materials, and during the Awards Ceremony.

5. **International Data Transfers**

As UITP operates globally, personal data (including photos, videos, names, and other personal identifiers) may be transferred to, stored in, and accessed from third countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) where data protection laws may differ from EU standards.

- Such transfers will be carried out in accordance with Chapter V of the GDPR, ensuring that an adequate level of protection is maintained.
- Where no adequacy decision exists, UITP will implement appropriate safeguards, such as the European Commission's Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs), and ensure that enforceable rights and effective remedies are available to data subjects.

6. **Retention**

Personal data will be retained only for as long as necessary to fulfil the above purposes, and no longer than [insert retention period – e.g., five (5) years] after the conclusion of the Awards], unless required by law or consent is withdrawn earlier (where applicable).

7. **Rights of Data Subjects**

Participants and their representatives have the right to:

- Access, rectify, or erase their personal data.
- Restrict or object to its processing.
- Withdraw consent at any time (without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before withdrawal).
- Lodge a complaint with a competent supervisory authority.

Requests may be addressed to UITP Data Protection Officer:

bruno.abadmansur@uitp.org

8. Privacy Policy

Further information on how UITP processes personal data can be found in its Privacy Policy: <https://www.uitp.org/privacy-policy/>

5. DECISIONS BY UITP

All decisions made by UITP regarding the Awards, including but not limited to eligibility determinations, selection of finalists, and award recipients, or Awards Ceremony are final, binding, and not subject to appeal or reconsideration.

UITP also reserves:

- The exclusive right to interpret and apply all rules regarding the Awards, and its judgment shall prevail in all matters related to the awards.
- The right to assign a Submission to a more relevant Award category.
- The right to deny awarding a prize if the jury decides that the quality of all submitted projects within a category is below par.
- The right to cancel or revoke an Award at any time if it suspects abuse, deceit, or bad faith in the participation process or in relation to the Awards. This includes, but is not limited to, cases of fraudulent activity, misrepresentation of information, or any actions that violate the rules of the Awards. UITP may also take additional measures, such as requesting the return of any Awards already granted or seeking compensation for any damages incurred (including reputational harm).
- The right to use, reproduce, and adapt the content of their Submissions, in whole or in part, for the purposes of knowledge production, capacity-building, communications and other related activities. UITP will always ensure that the participants are duly acknowledged and mentioned in connection with such use.

By participating in the Call for Submissions for the Awards, Participants and their representatives acknowledge and agree to accept UITP's decisions without dispute.

6. APPLICABLE LAWS

Belgian law applies to all rules of the Awards, and the legal relationship between UITP and the participant in the context of an Award governed by these rules. Any disputes regarding the interpretation, execution, or effects of these award rules or the awards to which they apply fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Brussels.