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## Benelux Power Excellence Awards 2018

### I. Announcement -

BeNeLux Power, Europe's smartest IBM Power Expo and Conference, is pleased to open nominations for the 2018 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 crafted 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 2018 awards is Sunday, 16 September 2018, 23:59 hours CEST.](#)

#### Fees -

- Free for client members of Common Belgium, Common Netherlands or Common Luxembourg.
- Non-member clients - 250 Euros
- Free for Partner or Well-wisher level sponsors of Benelux Power.
- Gold or Platinum level sponsors of Benelux Power - 250 Euros
- Non-sponsor BP/ISV - 500 Euros

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 2 categories - Infrastructure & Security and Application development & Database solutions.](#)

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

There will be 3 nominees (one winner and 2 finalists) in each category and they will be announced during the Benelux Power 2018 conference, 9 October. Client nominees present their solutions themselves. The BP/ISV/Consultant showcases their 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 closing session of Benelux Power Expo and Conference in Eindhoven on 9 October 2018, where the winners will be announced. They receive:

1. An award + Certificate for the winner,
2. Certificates for the two finalists,
3. Wide publicity in Social Media and in IBM and industry national and international press ([important to note - The 2016 and 2017 winners' stories, JORI and Deknudt Frames are included by IBM in their 30 years anniversary stories.](#))

### 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.

## 2. Application development 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.

## IV. Timeline -

1. Second week of August 2018 - Awards website open for submissions,
2. Sunday 16 September 23:59 CEST - Submission Deadline,
3. 18 to 23 September - Judges' review for the 3 finalists and the winner in each category,
4. Benelux Power Expo and Conference opening Session 9 October - Winners and nominees honoured.

## V. Guidelines -

1. Submission deadline is Sunday 16 September, 23:59 hours CEST.
2. Submitters must be members of Common Belgium, Common Netherlands or Common Luxembourg and Power Systems or IBM i clients. IBM Business Partners, ISV's or Consultants, will submit 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, title and e-mail 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.



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

1. Free for clients for their own solutions,
2. 250 Euro + VAT for Vendors not having it in their sponsorship.

## 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 2018 Benelux Power Excellence Awards, you agree to have your submission materials reviewed by a jury composed of industry experts, Benelux Power and IBM 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 2018 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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