



EUROPEAN RISK MANAGEMENT
— AWARDS 2026 —

ENTRY GUIDE
FOR INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE
TRAINING & EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

What are the European Risk Management Awards?

FERMA and Commercial Risk Europe established the awards programme in 2016, with the intention to bring together the risk management community and their trading partners across Europe, to reward excellence and to raise awareness and increase the profile of risk management within corporates.

Now in our 10th year, some of the leading names in risk management have deservedly celebrated their success in their field – and have taken many steps forward in the journey to spread awareness of this vital role to their peers and the greater community.

Why should you enter these awards?

The relationship between risk and insurance managers and their partners is one of collaboration, as they look to identify, transfer and mitigate risk within their organisation.

These annual awards have become part of the industry event calendar and offer insurers and underwriters, brokers, technology providers, claims experts and training providers the opportunity to be rewarded for the valuable services they provide to the risk management community, in one of the **Industry Excellence** or the **Training & Education Excellence** categories.

Supporting partners may also enter an outstanding client for one of the **Excellence in Risk Management** categories.

Some great reasons to submit a nomination

- ★ Validate and reward your team's skills within your sector
- ★ Celebrate an outstanding innovation or programme
- ★ Enhance your company profile
- ★ Provide motivation to continue to rise to the challenges around you
- ★ Add your name to a cohort of the best of the best in your field
- ★ Celebrate and promotes the risk management profession.

"We need insurers who are ready to innovate. We need corporates who are willing to connect their sustainability commitments with insurance contracts. We need both – for the benefit of an environmental impact. If we want to generate meaningful environmental impact in the insurance industry, our solution needs more organisations that join this journey. The European Risk Management Awards will surely accelerate the recognition of our innovative solutions."

Robert Eigenheer, SBB, Switzerland

What categories can I enter?

Industry Excellence

Who can enter? Any business that provides outstanding support to the risk management community, in the following categories:

- ★ **Broker Innovation of the Year**
For broking firms only, this category is designed to reward firms that have made a lasting impact on their clients through innovation and customer service.
- ★ **Insurance Company Innovation of the Year**
This award is open to insurance firms only and is designed to reward companies that have truly made a lasting impact on innovation to meet their customer needs.
- ★ **MGA Innovation of the Year**
This award is open to MGAs (Managing General Agents) only and is designed to reward companies that have truly made a lasting impact on innovation to meet their customer needs.
- ★ **Claims Innovation of the Year**
This award is open to all firms who provide a service to the risk management community.
- ★ **Technology Innovation of the Year**
This award is open to all firms who provide a service to the risk management community.

Training & Education Excellence

Who can enter? Any organisation that offers a training programme or initiative that benefits risk managers, in the following category:

- ★ **Training & Education Programme of the Year**
For risk manager associations, insurers, brokers, education bodies, e-learning providers and all firms who can demonstrate a commitment to supporting the development of skills and knowledge of risk managers through their investment in a current programme of activity.

“The European Risk Management Awards help to advance the visibility, credibility and impact of the risk management profession across Europe. By recognising pioneering initiatives – often involving emerging technologies, novel frameworks or cross-functional strategies – the awards promote innovation, creating visibility for new ideas and tools that can be replicated or adapted across industries, keeping the profession agile and future-focused.

Marsh McLennan, UK

Or nominate a risk or insurance manager client in one of the following categories:

Excellence in Risk Management

- ★ **Risk Manager of the Year**
for individual European in-house senior-level private and public sector corporate risk and insurance managers, with at least five years of experience at a senior level as an ERM or insurance manager
- ★ **Rising Star of the Year**
for individual European in-house private and public sector risk and insurance managers with less than five years' experience
- ★ **Innovation of the Year**
teams or individual European in-house private and public sector risk and insurance managers from within their organisation, rewarding successful implementation of an innovative insurance programme
- ★ **Captive Programme of the Year**
teams or individual European in-house private and public sector risk and insurance managers from within their organisation, rewarding successful implementation of an innovative captive programme
- ★ **European Risk Management Association Award 2026**
This category is open to entries from members of European national risk management associations, who can nominate their association for an initiative or programme that has made a significant contribution to the development or outcomes of their association. This initiative or programme must have been launched within the last two years.

“These events are about more than just winning awards. They create a genuine opportunity to support and showcase progress, which drives the industry forward. They allow us to see who’s leading the way, gain brand recognition, and spark new opportunities. These moments are rare, and all the more valuable for it.

Sedgwick, UK

What next? You've decided you want to enter and discovered which category you're eligible for.

Each submission entry for all categories will be based around three segments:

- ★ **Excellence (in your field)** – let the judges know why the nominee is outstanding at what they do.
- ★ **Innovation** – the ability to react and develop according to the challenges that are presented.
- ★ **Above and beyond** – how to exceed and deliver more than the brief – what effect the nominee has on the wider community.

Each category contains additional specific guidelines that will assist your entry.

Good luck!

Firstly...

Double check you've selected the correct category for the nominee's job function. Read the category description and eligibility rules again.

You can enter more than one category, but each submission must be different. There's no point duplicating or slightly adapting a single nomination as each nomination must fulfil the specific guidelines for that category.

If your large company is submitting several entries for different categories, for example in the Industry Excellence categories, it can be worth coordinating your entries rather than entering multiple individual, possibly similar, entries from the same company.

Individual nominations must be for those employed in the last 12 months in their field. Initiatives or programmes must have been launched within the last 24 months.

All submissions must be written in English – if English isn't your native language, it's a good idea to have your entry checked before you submit it.

All information submitted will remain confidential.

How it works...

First of all, you'll be asked to set up an account in Eversio. This is where you'll create your entry. You can begin your entry, save it and go back to it as many times as you like, before submitting it before the deadline.

You will be asked to write up to 500 words in each of the three segments, and in the category descriptions you'll see online, there'll be more specific guidance to help you create your entry.

Each segment will be given up to 5 stars by the judges, so put as much valid information in each to give yourself the best chance of a high score.

You have the option of including up to three PDFs and/or a video to back up your submission.

Once you've begun your nomination, you can move it to 'The Basket' and continue to work on your entry. Once you're happy with it, click the 'terms and conditions' button and click 'enter' – you will receive a confirmation email.

You may be contacted after the deadline for more information. Whether you do or don't make the shortlist, we'll be in touch to let you know, however this may take some weeks to coincide with the judging timeframe.

Helpful hints

Put yourself in the judges' place. They will be reading your submission along with many other entries, and will judge each segment against that of the other entries in that category.

Therefore:

- ★ Make sure you carefully read the category description, which will tell you what you need to include as part of your entry.
 - ★ You have a personal story you want to tell, but you need to tell it the right way – make sure you follow the description given, and are as relevant as possible. You need to show the judges that you are the right person to win this award – if you take the time to put together a relevant and convincing entry, this will show.
 - ★ Avoid using generic marketing text to create your entry. If it's not relevant to the category description, don't include it.
 - ★ Keep your submission succinct – try and be clear and just include the important information.
 - ★ If you are able to provide examples or data that justify your entry, that can be beneficial, as long as they are relevant.
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**Entries
are open**

“The European Risk Management Awards are important for the recognition of the profession because they provide a platform for risk managers and their partners to showcase excellence and best practice in risk management. The awards highlight innovations that can move the industry forward, while increasing the profile of risk management in businesses and communities more broadly.” **FM Global**

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For more information on entering or help completing your entry, please contact the team at enquiries@europeanriskmanagementawards.com

