



EUROPEAN RISK MANAGEMENT
— AWARDS 2026 —

ENTRY GUIDE
FOR EUROPEAN RISK AND
INSURANCE MANAGERS

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 risk or insurance manager function is fundamental to the success of any organisation, yet often the vital work that is done by individuals or teams remains unacknowledged and unrewarded. Indeed, this is part of the job description – successful risk management by its very nature means staying in the background and enabling a smoothly operating business.

These annual awards have become part of the industry event calendar and offer risk and insurance managers the opportunity to gain recognition for the important work they do as they grapple with the complex challenges and opportunities that face them in the evolving business landscape.

Some great reasons to submit a nomination

- ★ **Validate your skills as a risk or insurance manager**
- ★ **Enhance your reputation among your colleagues and peers**
- ★ **Inspire others around you**
- ★ **Act as a springboard for your career progression**
- ★ **Reflect positively on the reputation of your company and your national association**
- ★ **Motivate you 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 promote the risk management profession.**

“The Rising Star award helps reinforce the perception of collaboration and the importance of a new generation’s engagement in order to boost innovation and create new solutions. Moreover, the visibility offered by the awards fosters dialogue among professionals, companies and stakeholders, creating a cohesive European community focused on continuous improvement.”

Marta Soldavini, Prysmian, Italy

What categories can I enter?

Excellence in Risk Management

Who can enter? European, in-house, corporate risk or insurance managers, in the following categories:

- ★ **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.

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.

“For me, recognising excellence and innovation and encouraging best practices are the most important elements of the awards. Risk managers feel (and are!) often underappreciated and national associations as well as FERMA help them grow in their role.

Ulrich Adamheit, AB Electrolux, Sweden

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 you're outstanding at what you 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 you have on the wider community.

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

Good luck!

Firstly...

Double check that you've selected the correct category. 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.

Previous winners will not be allowed to nominate themselves again. However they are welcome to nominate other individuals / teams.

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 Evessio. 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.

It is mandatory to include at least one professional testimonial that can be contacted should your submission reach the shortlist.

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.

If you've already won an individual award in previous years, you're welcome to nominate your colleagues but will not be able to enter as an individual this year.

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 play a vital role in raising the visibility and strategic relevance of the risk management profession across industries. They help position risk management not just as a control function, but as a proactive, value-adding discipline that is essential for navigating complex challenges such as climate change, digital disruption, supply chain fragility, and organisational resilience. They also serve as a catalyst to engage younger generations, elevate board-level attention, and strengthen the societal perception of risk managers as enablers of sustainable value creation. Ultimately, they contribute to the continued professionalisation and advancement of the risk management field in Europe and beyond.”

Fatima Tekin, CIMPOR Portugal & OYAK Cement

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