

# Ireland France Business Awards 2016

Call for Applications

# The Business Recognition You Deserve

Every year, the France Ireland Chamber of Commerce and NetworkIreland host the **Ireland France Business Awards** alternatively in Paris and Dublin. The objective of the Awards is to recompense Irish and French companies which have made an exceptional contribution to the development of trade and investment between Ireland and France.

This year, the Awards will be held in Dublin, in the presence of H.E. Jean-Pierre Thébault, the French Ambassador to Ireland & Honorary President of FICC and H.E. Geraldine Byrne Nason, the Irish Ambassador to France & Honorary President of NetworkIreland.

We look forward to welcoming the winning companies and members of the France Ireland Chamber of Commerce and NetworkIreland at the Award ceremony and Gala dinner in Dublin the **24<sup>th</sup> November**.



**Joanne Grant**  
President  
France Ireland Chamber of Commerce



**Clem Garvey**  
President  
NetworkIreland

## Key Dates 2016

### **Closing date for receipt of Entries**

22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12 noon

### **Announcement of winners**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

### **Gala Dinner & Awards ceremony**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

# Jury Panel 2016

*The Jury will consist of senior members of both the public and private sectors in Ireland and France, and will be chaired by Gerry Halpenny, Senior Partner LK Shields.*

Members of the Jury include Sinead Lonergan (Director France, Enterprise Ireland), Gisèle Hivert-Messeca (Director – Dublin Office, Business France Ireland), Niamh Breslin (Business Development Manager, IDA), Pierre Mongrue (Chef du Service Economique, Ambassade de France en Irlande), Jean-Marc Teurquetil (PDG, Athema), Rory McNeill (Marketing Procurement and Communications Director, CRH France), Vincent Barro (IT Business Vice President, Schneider Electric), Jim Rice (Chartered Engineer & Business Consultant), and Anne Marie Ronayne (MD, Terra Connecta).

## Entry Categories

### 1. Best French Company in Ireland

### 2. Best Irish Company in France

#### **Best French Company in Ireland and Best Irish Company in France**

These awards serve to highlight and recognise the important contribution of both Irish and French companies to promoting business and investment between the two countries.

Companies which apply for either of these two Awards must comply with the following criteria:

## Criteria for judging the Entries

- Demonstration that the company applying is a registered Irish business (Best Irish Company in France) or a registered French business (Best French Company in Ireland). Such a company must be headquartered, managed and have its main activity in Ireland for the company applying for the Best Irish Company, and in France for the company applying for the Best French Company.
- Demonstration that the company applying has been doing business in both Ireland and France for at least two years, and can demonstrate investment in the country of destination.
- Growth of business activity in France and/or Ireland
- Demonstration that the company is a high quality employer (working environment, employment benefits, HR management)
- Demonstration that the employment between Ireland & France has increased positively from the viewpoint of both countries
- Innovation
- Commitment to CSR

## Special Jury's Award for Impact on Climate Change

In recognition of the importance of the COP21 conference held in Paris in December 2015 and subsequent actions, the sector targeted for the 2016 Special Jury's Award will be “**Impact on Climate Change** “. This Award is intended to encourage actions taken with regard to climate change that are good for business and to recognise the integration of climate change into business strategies in the industrial, commercial, community and public sectors .

It could also reward research and innovation in the development of systems, services, products or approaches likely to impact positively on climate change. Partnerships that have helped companies understand how climate change can shape future products, facilities, supply chains and customer needs could also be included.

Companies may apply directly for this award, or be nominated by a member of the FICC and/or NetworkIreland. The nominee must apply by completing a **Special Award Application Form**. The following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- The development of sustainable business practices
- Alignment of strategies with “Sustainable Development Goals”
- The implementation of innovative solutions or methodologies or creation of new knowledge around climate change
- Demonstration of “best practice” in Ireland and France
- Innovation: The extent to which an initiative or project takes an entirely new or ground-breaking approach to address major environmental issues.
- Innovative ideas and best practices on topics such as energy efficiency, clean energy opportunities, setting and achieving GHG reduction goals, engaging supply chains, and other practical applications for measuring, managing, and reducing emissions
- Emerging best practices on climate resilience/adaptation planning and implementation

*\* For all categories, the Jury reserves the right not to make an award in a particular category in the event that there are insufficient entries*

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