

## EPMA Sustainability Award 2024

Any EPMA member company is free to take part in the EPMA Sustainability Award.

The aim of this award is to reinforce communication on sustainability by collecting good feedback from the members and by awarding companies that have a high effort towards sustainability.

The award will be given during the plenary session of the EuroPM2024 Congress & Exhibition.

### How to join?

The company must fill the EPMA sustainability survey for 2024:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EPMASustAw24>

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On top of the survey, the company is free to provide any further “good sustainability story” that will give additional points to the company (see further below)

Any awarded company must wait 2 years before applying again, e.g., if awarded in 2023, next application cannot be before 2025.

Any company willing to join the award for 2024 must fill the survey not later than the deadline of **30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### Jury

The jury is composed of a panel of experts. In case of conflict of interest, the judge who is from the company that is applying to the award will not join the panel.

Each member of the jury will score each application based on the points allocated per question. Then all points from all judges will be added and divided by the number of judges. The companies with highest score will be awarded.

### Criteria

The EPMA Sustainability award is based on the EPMA survey for sustainability. This survey has 18 questions. Each question scores a maximum of 10 points, except LCA that scores 20 points.

Over the years, some criteria to be awarded will be adapted.

Small companies have a bonus for undergoing activities on sustainability as they have more difficulties to work on all aspects. The Question 4 “What is the size of your company” will give additional points to small companies (10 points), medium companies (5 points). Large companies do not score for this question.

Some questions will be scored by the jury like “if you plan to reduce your CO<sub>2</sub> emission, How”: the jury will score the answer between 0 and 10 based on the quality of the answer.

Some questions are linked together and no answer to one question may invalidate the score for the other question. e.g. a statement “we have a target to reduce energy consumption (Q11) with no detail in the “how” will score 0 to Q11 and 0 to Q12.

On top of the survey, each company can provide some “good sustainability stories”. For each additional “Good story” proposed by the company, a bonus of “up to” 20 points will be given by the reviewers. The story should be duly documented with details about benefit, why it was started and how, what was the backbone of the project, what are the benefits (or expected benefits if the implementation is too new), advice to other companies ...

The aim of communicating those stories is two-fold: to communicate on the positive impact your company is developing and to give idea to other companies. Any story is good to report as there may be “quick win” sustainability proposals easy to implement that other companies may not have thought about.

## Some examples of “good sustainability stories”

Any topics are of interest like the following, but not limited to:

- Energy reduction on site
  - Energy reduction in process chain
  - Reducing the electricity consumption of administrative buildings
  - Moving to e-mobility, changing truck and car fleet to new fleet less energy intensive
- Green energy used on site
  - Solar, wind, biomass ...
- Green energy produced on site and sold to the local community
- Re-forestation organised by the site,
  - Old pit / damp converted into green land
- Cleaning local environment, helping biodiversity
  - Fish lift in the river that crosses the company
- Reducing water consumption
  - Reducing water consumption for process,
  - Close loop water cooling
  - Using rainwater
  - Water for administrative buildings
- Energy reduction thanks to PM parts
  - increased efficiency of equipment by moving to PM parts vs conventional...
- Green energy produced with PM equipment
  - use of PM parts in windmill...
- Using wasted heat from furnace / equipment
  - for building or process heating, local community ...
- Reducing waste generation
  - Reducing process wastes
  - 0 paper policy
  - Recycling plastic bottles, batteries
- Increasing use of recycled material, increasing recycling on site,
  - Reducing lost powder between 2 process steps
- Environmental management of packaging
  - Reducing its weight, using recyclable packaging, using recycled packaging...
- Indeed, any topic showing that PM (business, companies, staff ...) reduces its impact on environment year after year.

## List of questions and scoring

The questions are grouped in 3 main categories:

- Sustainability and environment
- Sustainability and people
- Sustainability and society

Question	max	Scoring principle
What is the size of your company	10	Small = 10, medium = 5, large = 0
Does your company have a sustainability report	10	
Does your company have a sustainability website	10	Score adapted based on visibility of the website
Does your company have a target for CO2 reduction (in %)?	10	0 if no answer to Q on CO2
If you plan to reduce your CO2 emission: How?	10	reviewer decision
Does your company have a target to be CO2 neutral? When	10	5 for 3 years; 2 for 10 years. 0 if no answer in "How"
Does your company have a target for energy reduction (give %)?	10	0 if no answer to Q12
If you plan to reduce your energy consumption: How?	10	reviewer decision
Is your company involved in LCA (Life Cycle Assessment / Life Cycle Analysis / Life Cycle Thinking)?	20	
Is your company using green energy & what kind of green energy?	10	
Has your company a target to reduce water consumption (give %)?	10	0 if no answer to Q16
If you plan to reduce your water consumption: How?	10	Reviewer decision
Is Gender Equality part of your policy	10	0 if no answer to Q18
Do you have other Diversity & Inclusion targets?	10	reviewer decision based on "how"
Do you have a target to reduce the rate of accidents?	10	reviewer decision based on "how"
Do you have regular event(s) on health and safety like a "Health and Safety Day"?	10	reviewer decision based on "how"
Do you have Employee Development programs or initiatives (e.g. Leadership, Apprenticeships, Graduates)	10	reviewer decision based on "how"
Is your company involved with local communities?	10	reviewer decision based on "how"
Do you have a business ethic code of conduct?	10	reviewer decision based on "how"