**European Social Services Awards 2025**

Application Form

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**Please note that this document is to support your preparation of the application form.**

**To apply for the 2025 European Social Services Awards,**

**complete the application form online** [here](https://connect.esn-eu.org/public/conference/essa-2025/detail/)

**The** [European Social Services Awards (ESSA)](https://essa-eu.org)**, organised** by the [European Social Network](https://www.esn-eu.org/) (ESN), recognise excellence in social services and the extraordinary ongoing work by those managing, planning, delivering, and improving public social services across Europe.

**IMPORTANT**

Before submitting your application for the Awards please consult information on the:

* [Award Categories](https://connect.esn-eu.org/public/conference/16/page/);
* [How to Apply](https://connect.esn-eu.org/public/conference/7/page/);
* [Evaluation Process](https://connect.esn-eu.org/public/conference/13/page/);

on the European Social Services Awards [website](https://essa-eu.org/).

An organisation may apply for a maximum of **TWO projects** (one entry form per application) and a maximum of **one application per category**. Each project may be submitted to a maximum of two categories.

In addition, organisations may **submit a nomination for one person in the Leadership in Social Services Award** category.

All applications must be submitted in ENGLISH.

**Deadline to submit your application**: 30 June

**Shortlisted applications will be announced by early-September 2025.**

All **shortlisted** nominees must register and cover the participation fee of a minimum of **two representatives to attend the Ceremony** which will take place **on 13-14 November in Madrid, Spain. For further information on the Ceremony, please visit the** [website](https://connect.esn-eu.org/public/conference/essa-2025/detail/)**.**

**Questions**

***Mandatory Questions are marked with an \****

**Introduction Details Page**

**\*Short title:**

*Please enter the title of your project in English. Maximum ten words*

**Subtitle:**

**Short Introduction:**

*What you put here will appear on the Application listing page. If you are not sure what to put, use your Application background or introduction. This question is not scored, and you can choose to come back to it after answering the Application questions. Maximum 300 characters.*

**Image:**

*\*\*Upload an image relevant to your project\*\**

*Size guide: 1024px x 1024px - Max size: 1MB*

**File:**

*\*\*Upload a file relevant to your project\*\**

*Application paper or additional content - Max size: 1MB*

**\* Language:**

**British English**

*\*\*Your Application can only be submitted in English\*\**

**Topics Page**

**On this page you choose your category:**

**I would like to submit an application for the following category:**

### Social Services Delivery Innovation Award

### Digital Transformation and Technology Social Services Award

### Strengthening Communities and Social Inclusion Award

### Public Sector Collaboration in Social Services Award

### Research for Social Services Award

### Public-Private Partnership in Social Services Award

### Children, Families, and Youth Support Award

### Ageing and Long-Term Care Excellence Award

### Disability and Accessibility in Social Services Award

### Leadership in Social Services Award (Separate Questions at the end of this page)

**Questions for Projects Award categories 1-9**

**Sections Page**

1. **Name of project** (in English)
2. **What social problem/challenge does your project address?**

*\*\*The purpose of this question is to provide the judges context for the remainder of the application. The answer to the question is not scored, but make sure sufficient background information is provided for the remainder of your application to make sense\*\**

1. **Practical information about the project**

### Where does the project take place?

### What organisations are involved? Please list the organisation **name** and **country**

* + Which professional profiles are involved?
  + What is the target group(s)?
    - All Population Groups
    - Children (0-13)
    - Youth (14-18)
    - People with Disabilities
    - Older People (+65)
    - Homeless People
    - People with Addictions
    - Migrants
    - Social Services and Care Workforce
    - Social Services Directors and Managers
  + How many people does your project cover?
  + How is your project funded?

1. **Status of the project**

### Design phase

### Testing or pilot phase

* Temporary practice that has terminated
* Temporary practice that is ongoing and has a termination date
* Implementation and Monitoring Phase
* Consolidation Phase
* Scaling Up and Transformation Phase
* Established and ongoing practice
* Other (please explain)

1. **How is your project relevant to the Award Category you are applying for? *Please refer to the specific description for the relevance criteria on the separate*** [***category pages***](https://connect.esn-eu.org/public/conference/16/page/)***.* (maximum 300 words)**
2. **How is your project innovative for your respective context/environment? (maximum 200 words)**
3. **Has the project been evaluated? If so, what methodologies were used?**- Feedback through people’s experiences of services  
   - Feedback from staff and leaders  
   - Feedback from partners e.g. regulators/inspection agency  
   - Quantitative data collected internally

- No evaluation has taken place

- Other (please explain)

1. **What impact has been measured? (maximum 500 words)**

Please provide concrete evidence in the form of qualitative and/or quantitative data.

Please refer to indicators used to evaluate the project, outcomes achieved as a result, whether the project is scalable or transferable, and if there is enough information to help transfer the project elsewhere.

1. **Please upload any supporting material (data, press articles, endorsements from other actors, material produced in the project, photos) in English.** (max. three documents)

*If you have multiple files of a similar type e.g. photos please join them all together in one PDF file and upload them together.*

**Questions for** **Leadership in Social Services Award category**

1. **Name of the person** (in English)
2. **Provide a short professional biography of the person (maximum 150 words)**

*\*\*The purpose of this question is to provide the judges context for the remainder of the application. The answer to the question is not scored, but make sure sufficient background information is provided for the remainder of your application to make sense\*\**

1. **How is this person relevant for the Leadership in Social Services Award? (maximum 300 words)**

Explain how the person has shaped the governance, strategy, and long-term sustainability of social services; or has visionary leadership that has driven systemic improvements, workforce development, and innovative reforms.

1. **What impact has this person’s leadership had? (maximum 500 words)**

Please provide concrete evidence in the form of qualitative and/or quantitative data.

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**Declaration**

If my nomination is selected, I confirm that the submitted photos and details of the project may be used by ESN for promotional purposes.

If my application is shortlisted, I confirm that the fees, travel and hotel costs for **two delegates** to the Awards Ceremony in Madrid will be funded by my organisation.

Signature (please enter your name to sign this form)

Date

For any questions, please contact us at [essa@esn-eu.org](mailto:essa@esn-eu.org).