



## Entry Guide

**Website** <https://awards.ijglobal.com/ESGAwards>

**Awards entry portal** [ijesg.awardsplatform.com](https://ijesg.awardsplatform.com)

### Key dates

Entries open – **6 July**

Entries close – **10 August**

Shortlist announcement – **7 September**

IJGlobal ESG Awards event – **19 October**

### Why should I enter the awards?

- To help us identify the organisations, transactions and individuals that have truly turned the dial on the environmental, social and governance front.
- Your work will be reviewed by our panel of industry leading experts.
- Celebrate your team and their success in the sector.
- Benchmark your ESG efforts against the best in the business.

### Who should enter?

- Any company or individual in the infrastructure and energy space that can provide demonstrable evidence of impacts across any or all ESG metrics.

### How do I take part?

- Click on the entry portal link above.
- Complete your registration details.
- Select your categories – you can enter as many categories as you like.
- Complete the entry forms online – only online entries submitted using the portal will be accepted.
- Use the upload function to provide evidence to support your entry – use a simple referencing system.
- Click 'submit'.
- You can edit your submission up until the deadline date.
- There is no fee or cost for participation.

### Eligibility

- Entries are accepted from across the globe.

## **Awards review period**

- Projects, transactions and initiatives must relate to achievements in the last financial year (between **1 April 2021** and **31 March 2022**). All evidence supplied must take this into consideration.

## **What if I have further questions?**

Please get in touch with IJGlobal's Editor of Awards Research – [Jamie Rayat](#)

## *List of categories*

### **COMPANY AWARDS**

#### **Infrastructure Asset Manager (Debt) Award**

This award will recognise the work of an infrastructure asset manager which provides the most compelling evidence of impactful ESG activities in the past financial year. We are looking for ESG policies actively implemented by an organisation in the deployment of institutional debt, including information on how these policies impacted investment decisions made by the firm and debt instruments in the wider market. We are also interested in any portfolio changes that reflect this strategy, such as exiting positions due to explicit ESG considerations and active ESG risk mitigation.

#### **Infrastructure Equity Investor Award**

This award will recognise the work of an infrastructure equity investor which provides the most compelling evidence of impactful ESG activities in the past financial year. We are looking for ESG policies actively implemented by an organisation - in the deployment of equity – over the course of the last financial year. We are interested in the ways ESG considerations are integrated within an organisation, including governance and reporting by funds, benchmarking against ESG targets, and how ESG goals are used to prioritise efforts, set objectives, and drive continuous performance improvements. Renewable energy investments alone are not evidence of ESG credentials.

#### **Corporate Transition Award – Infrastructure**

Open to companies involved in the infrastructure space including, but not limited to, the following sectors:

- Social infrastructure
- Transport
- Water
- Telecoms

The winner will have provided the most compelling evidence of tangible, demonstrable, and material reductions of the adverse impacts of their organisation to the environment and/or society. Activities may include internal ESG policies, investment decisions or a commitment to third-party ESG initiatives. Endorsements such as industry awards won, client testimonies, or a third-party CO2 report are encouraged.

#### **Corporate Transition Award – Energy**

Open to companies involved in the energy space including, but not limited to, the following sectors:

- Traditional power generation.
- Transmission and distribution.
- Renewables.

The winner will have provided the most compelling evidence of tangible, demonstrable, and material reductions of the adverse impacts of their organisation to the environment and/or society. Activities may include internal ESG policies, investment decisions or a commitment to third-party ESG initiatives. Endorsements such as industry awards won, client testimonies, or a third-party CO2 report are encouraged.

#### **Legal Adviser Award**

The award will be given to the legal adviser which can demonstrate the greatest breadth, expertise and commitment to ESG across transactions and/or advisory work. We will consider legal advice in relation to ESG that reached financial close in the awards review period. You may detail transactional work that demonstrates an impact on legal practice with regards to ESG principles or have produced positive ESG outcomes for your clients. You may also submit the details of your organisation's ESG initiatives and commitments, such as pro bono work dedicated to ESG causes, signing up to collaborative efforts to tackle ESG issues and/or internal initiatives aimed at responding to ESG issues.

### **Financial Adviser Award**

The award will be given to the financial advisor which can provide the strongest evidence of financial innovation on transactions or advisory work in relation to ESG over the course of the awards review period. We will assess your organisation's transactional work as well as ESG initiatives and commitments, such as signing up to collaborative efforts to tackle ESG issues and/or internal initiatives aimed at responding to ESG issues.

### **Technical Advisory Award**

The award will be given to the technical adviser that provides the strongest evidence of innovative technical advice on transactions or advisory work in relation to ESG over the course of the awards review period. You will give details of your organisation's transactional work as well as ESG initiatives and commitments, such as signing up to collaborative efforts to tackle ESG issues and/or internal initiatives aimed at responding to ESG issues.

### **Public Sector and Multilateral Award**

The award will be given to a public sector body, procurement agency or multilateral entity that provides the most compelling evidence of change on ESG levels over the course of the awards review period. We particularly encourage submissions that demonstrate transformative action to support ESG principles, innovation to transform local ecosystems or communities and the qualitative impact of strategies.

### **Technology Award – Infrastructure**

This category is open to companies operating in the infrastructure sector, encompassing the traditional categories from IJGlobal coverage such as:

- Social Infrastructure
- Transport
- Water
- Telecoms

(Essentially anything that does not more comfortably sit within the energy space).

This award will be given to the company providing the most impactful deployment of technology to support ESG goals. You are encouraged to provide details of this technology and its integration within your company's operations. You must be able to demonstrate significant impact on some (or all) elements of ESG in the infrastructure area.

### **Technology Award – Energy**

This category is open to companies operating in the energy sector, encompassing the traditional categories from IJGlobal coverage such as:

- Traditional power generation.
- Transmission and distribution.
- Renewables.

(Essentially anything that does not more comfortably sit within the infrastructure space).

This award will be given to the company providing the most impactful deployment of technology to support ESG goals. You are encouraged to provide details of this technology and its integration within your company's operations. You must be able to demonstrate significant impact on some (or all) elements of ESG in the energy area.

## **IJGlobal ESG Award – Environment**

This award recognises the work of a company in terms of the Environment element of ESG over the course of the awards review period. The winner will have had a demonstrable impact of having risen to environmental challenges. We have left this category intentionally vague to allow submissions the latitude to surprise judges with innovation deployed and activity achieved.

## **IJGlobal ESG Award – Social**

This award recognises the work of a company in terms of the Social element of ESG over the course of the awards review period. The winner will have had a demonstrable impact of having risen to social challenges. We have left this category intentionally vague to allow submissions the latitude to surprise judges with innovation deployed and activity achieved.

## **IJGlobal ESG Award – Governance**

This award recognises the work of a company in terms of the Governance element of ESG over the course of the awards review period. The winner will have had a demonstrable impact of having risen to governance challenges. We have left this category intentionally vague to allow submissions the latitude to surprise judges with innovation deployed and activity achieved.

## **IJGlobal ESG Excellence Award**

This award transcends sector and region and recognises a globally significant ESG development - taking place within the awards review period - that sets a benchmark beyond infrastructure and energy. Strong candidates will give details of a strategy that has been adopted over the course of the last financial year that espouses ESG principles and sets your organisation apart from the pack. You must also demonstrate the intended outcomes of this strategy and explain how this drives engagement with ESG and singles your organisation out for this accolade. Work submitted as part of this submission must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

## **Infrastructure Bank Award**

This award recognises the banking institution that provides the most compelling evidence of an ESG strategy being actively implemented. You must details on specific activities that your organisation (maximum 3) has enacted in the last financial year (end 31 March), identifying where this strategy has been realised and how this impacts debt instruments and your involvement. You may also identify any portfolio changes that reflect this strategy, such as exiting positions due to explicit ESG considerations or active ESG risk mitigation.

## **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

### **Rising Star**

This award will recognise a Rising Star in the infrastructure and energy industry who has a primary focus on ESG. A "Rising Star" is defined as someone who holds an ESG-focused role and is below the level of Director (or equivalent position). To be considered for the award, candidates must have made a demonstrable impact in the infrastructure and energy community on the ESG front, be deemed responsible for effectively stimulating change within an organisation and have proved crucial to the design, implementation, or deployment of ESG principles.

### **IJGlobal ESG Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award celebrates an individual who has spent much of their career promoting and affecting transformative ESG change in the infrastructure and energy space. Candidates must have played a transformative role in the deployment of ESG – either within an organisation or on a public platform. They must also have been proactive in championing some (or all) elements of ESG during their career.

***Please note – We will accept self-nominations; however we are also interested in recommendations for others including colleagues within your organisation or peers across the market. Past winners are not eligible but past nominees are.***

## **TRANSACTION AWARDS**

### **IJGlobal Social Infrastructure ESG Award**

This award will recognise a single transaction demonstrating qualities that go far beyond the fundamentals of the sector. It is not enough to provide details of the construction and operation of a social infrastructure asset, such as schools or hospitals.

To be considered for the award, submissions must also:

- Provide evidence of broader social impacts achieved through this transaction, including on local communities.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the social infrastructure sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.

Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

### **IJGlobal Renewable Energy ESG Award**

This award will recognise a transaction demonstrating qualities that go far beyond the fundamentals of the sector.

It is not enough to provide details of a transaction that leads to creating energy from alternative sources. To be considered for the award, submissions must also:

- Provide evidence of broader social impact achieved through the transaction.
- Demonstrate an impact beyond achieving net carbon reduction.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the renewable energy sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.

Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

### **IJGlobal Transport ESG Award**

This award will recognise a transaction demonstrating qualities that go far beyond the fundamentals of the sector.

It is not enough to provide details of a transaction that sees the construction and operation of a transport asset (road, light rail etc).

To be considered for the award, submissions must also:

- Provide evidence of broader social impact achieved through the transaction.
- Demonstrate a great impact to the community beyond improving connectivity
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the transport sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.

Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

### **Climate Transition Award**

This award will recognise a single transaction that was deeply impactful in the realms of climate transition.

Please provide evidence of:

- How this transaction marks a shift towards de-carbonisation activities.
- Ways in which the transaction will influence the market's focus away from high carbon activities.

Work submitted as part of this submission must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

### **IJGlobal ESG Deal of the Year**

This award will recognise a transaction that is significant on the ESG front within the market. It is for a stand-out deal across any sector that is appropriate to IJGlobal coverage (from Power to Telecoms, Power, Social Infra, Transport, Water, etc.). The winning deal will demonstrate strong ESG principles – setting a new standard in this space for such deals and is significant in as many of the ESG elements as possible.

Deals must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

***Please note – there is no submission form for this award.***