



## BWS 2016 EXPO WATER INNOVATION AWARD

Following the successful Water Summit in 2013, Budapest will again host a stock-taking event between 28 – 30 November 2016 in order to give momentum to the practical implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN as well as to achieve progress concerning the water-related aspects of the Paris Climate Agreement within the UN 21st Climate Conference. As part of the Budapest Water Summit 2016 (BWS 2016) a Sustainable Water Solutions Expo will be held aiming to display internationally recognised water management technologies.

Recognising the fact that water-related business entities as well as representatives of the academic and scientific sectors can significantly contribute to the development and to the improvement of the aquatic environment, the co-organisers of the Expo, the Hungarian Water Cluster and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will present the award of the “Water Innovation of the BWS 2016 Expo”.

Application for this Award is open to exhibitors and speakers of the Innovation Day of the BWS 2016 Sustainable Water Solutions Expo to nominate their own innovative equipment and/or technology. The Jury, consisting of international water professionals, acknowledges the most significant achievements in the international water industry with the Award of:

### *“Water Innovation of the BWS 2016 Expo”*

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#### Timeline

**7 October 2016** – Application opens

**15 November 2016** – Application closes

**29 November 2016** - Winners announced at the Award Ceremony to be held at BWS 2016 Expo.

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#### How does the application process work?

Applications can only be **submitted via the application form (LINK)**, before 15 November 2016. We kindly ask you to fill in each section of the application form in English. **Please do not submit entries via e-mail.**

Evaluation criteria:

- Innovativeness
- Environmental benefits (data)
- Social benefits (data)
- Economic benefits (data)
- Level of environmental awareness
- How will it contribute to sustainable development?

Applications will be evaluated by a jury consisting of international water professionals.

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The following fields of the application form must be completed:

- **Contact data**
  - Company name:
  - Contact person:
  - Telephone number (please include country dialling code):
  - E-mail address:
- **Description**

A summary description must be submitted with each application (see the Summary field on the form). This description must include **specific information** that will allow us to assess your entry (**max. 250 characters**).
- **Uniqueness**

**(max. 250 characters)**

Please summarise why the entry you wish to submit is **unique or special** and why it should be considered for the Award.
- **Environmental impact**

**(max. 250 characters)**

Please describe the environmental benefits of the entry with specific focus on maintaining the sustainability of the water cycle.
- **Social impact**

**(max. 250 characters)**

Please describe the social benefits of the entry with specific focus on solving water management challenges in areas poorly served with potable water or on solving specific social problems.
- **Economic impact**

**(max. 250 characters)**

Please describe the economic benefits of the entry with specific focus on contributions to the circular economy.

We kindly ask you not to attach any additional brochures, leaflets, publications or photos as the necessary information will be gathered from the applicant's website.

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### Background and criteria for applications:

Innovative applications are new, altered or improved **products, processes** or **services** in the water industry that are

- available for customers on the market, *or*
- ready for production/replication (full manufacturing/replication documentation exists), *or*
- already manufactured/replicated as a demonstration product – working in operational environment.

These are prototypes, test units, demonstrating units, pilots, which are ready for market replication, bringing new ideas into the industry.

### Criteria

1. The innovation, technology or company must be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to managing major challenges in the water industry. Specific factors to highlight are: improved operations and energy efficiency, technological innovation and the implementation of sustainable financial models.
2. The outcome of the innovations and the achievements of the company must be reported no later than 2015.

“Water Innovation of the BWS 2016 Expo” Award Ceremony will be held on 29 November 2016 at the venue of BWS 2016 Sustainable Water Solutions Expo.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

**István JOÓ**  
Ministerial Commissioner  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Haranghy Csaba**  
Secretary General  
Hungarian Water Cluster

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