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2022**

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Deadline: September 16, 2022



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Since 2007, Europe's association of leading trade magazines for digital production technologies presents its EDP Awards. From the latest product developments (hardware/software, digital presses, finishing solutions and consumables), the best in their respective categories are honoured with an EDP Award.

The EDP member magazines support more than half a million readers in 25 European countries in their purchasing decisions. The EDP Award winning products provide confidence in the decision-making process.





“The EDP Awards are the most prestigious and valuable Technical Award for the digital production business in Europe.”

The voice of one participant. Thank you for the compliment.

A key objective of the EDP Association is to support users before they invest and in their decision-making process in order to find the individually right solution. After all, not every product is suitable for all requirements. The EDP Awards provide orientation and signals high quality.

Since 2007 the European Digital Press Association (EDP) awarded more than 370 trophies to the best technologies and developments. During that period the EDP Awards have become the “most prestigious and valuable Technical Award for the digital production business in Europe.” This is the voice of one participant.

However, the EDP Association also knows that the Technology Award is only possible with the help of the manufacturers, who submit their products. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all participants.

Focus on digital products

The EDP Awards always reflect the market development of a past year. Therefore we know that the markets and with them the products have changed massively in recent years. The increasingly complex solutions are also reflected in the categories of the EDP Awards, which have changed over the years. For 2022, we are once again following the market trend towards more integrated solutions and have slightly revised the categories to reflect the market developments in the EDP Awards.

The EDP Awards have focused on digital (print) technologies since the beginning of the competition. The products submitted for the EDP Awards must therefore enable integration into a digital workflow. The extensive number of categories is intended to cover as many digital printing solutions and their environment as possible.

Conditions of participation

As in previous years, all manufacturers are invited to submit their products for the competition that have been launched, are on the market or are available for review by at least one member of the EDP Technical Committee as of September 2021.



In 2021, the EDP Association presented 26 products with the prestigious EDP Award in their respective categories. This means that more than 375 EDP Awards have been presented since the competition began in 2007.

**Please submit your products.
The deadline is September 16, 2022.**

Since we do not know if and how the Corona pandemic will play out in the autumn, we are forced to act very carefully this year as well. We will therefore probably contact the manufacturers of the products after the submission deadline to find out as much as possible about the new products in telephone or video meetings. Of course, absolute discretion will be maintained.

THE PARTICIPATION

The EDP Awards 2022 competition is open to all products in the digital production chain. Solutions launched since September 2021 or announced by September 15 2022 are entitled to enter the competition.

All participants in the EDP Awards 2022 will be contacted in due time and invited to the Award Ceremony. The form of presentation we (have to) choose this year has not yet been decided.





"Our goal is to be a forum for EDP Association members, industry and the thousands of European companies interested in advanced digital printing technologies."

Klaus-Peter Nicolay, President EDP Association.

Any number of products can be submitted to the competition. There is no limit for the 16th edition of the EDP Awards. Participation in the Awards is very simple: you fill out the Entry Form for each product (see page 15), mail or submit it online. Registration is also possible online.

Deadline for entries is September 16, 2022.

- Select the category in which you wish to nominate your product (see pages 8 to 11).
- Multiple nominations for a product in different categories are possible.
- If you feel that your product does not fit into one of the categories, please contact the EDP Technical Committee or specify it in the ›Entry Form‹.
- Send us an image of the product and provide the URL or link to the product.

Participation fee

The organisation of the EDP Awards, the preparation and production of the documentation, the maintenance of the Internet portal, the accompanying marketing material, the judging and the presentation of the awards require a great deal of personal commitment, high administrative effort and considerable costs. To cover these, EDP charges a participation fee of 500.00 €.

The entry fee is a precondition for participating in the competition.

The invoice will be sent to each submitter company with an official confirmation after verification by the Technical Committee and admission to the competition.

After confirmation of participation, all submitted products will be listed in their respective category on the EDP website. In addition, all participating companies are invited to make use of the marketing materials as well as the EDP Awards logo.

Finally, all winners as well as nominees and participants of the EDP Awards will be invited to the presentation of the awards. We will inform about the date and the form of the presentation in due time.

Early bird fee:

1 product in 1 category **300,00 €**
(until July 15, 2022)

Entry fee:

1 product in 1 category **500,00 €**
(from July 16, 2022)

Multiple nomination

(same product in different categories):

Basic participation fee (500,00 €) plus fee **500,00 €**
per nomination (250,00 €) in each **+ 250,00 €**
category

THE JUDGING PROCESS

After registration, each product is evaluated by the EDP Technical Committee, the permanent expert body of the EDP Association.

The jury consists of specialists and experts from EDP members or partner organisations.

All members of the jury are neutral and decide without reservations. The members of the Technical Committee (the jury for the EDP Awards) will be announced on the EDP website.





"Innovation can be defined as follows: To do things differently, to find new ways in an existing market or to develop a product that opens up new markets. Innovation always means change".

Herman Hartman, Chairman EDP Technical Committee.

From all products submitted, the Technical Committee will nominate up to three products per category for an award.

At an annual meeting of EDP members, the nominated products are discussed again and the winners of the EDP Awards are determined by a majority vote.

The criteria according to which the assessments are made can be weighted differently (depending on the product), but provide for the following decision-making features:

- Innovation by (new) technology
- Working method, usability
- Functionality, variety of applications/materials
- Quality
- Performance
- Sustainability, environmental impact
- Price, costs for the user

The EDP Association reserves the right to add, delete or combine categories during the judging process.

To complete technical trends, EDP members and their Technical Committee have the right to nominate products for the competition on their own initiative.

However, the existence of a category does not necessarily mean that an award will be given.

Award Winner

Participants in the EDP Awards, the nominees and especially the winners of an award will be notified in November 2021 so that they can schedule the award for their presentations.

The EDP will assist you in the preparation and will provide advertising and marketing materials in the look and feel of the EDP Awards (see also page 12).

EDP Superior Award

For the EDP Awards, the jury of the EDP Association announce special awards in the main categories. The 'EDP Superior Award' can, but does not have to, be awarded. It is awarded for the main categories software and hardware, large and wide format printing, commercial print, finishing, consumables and Accompanying Technologies and honours products that stand out in their category for originality, quality or performance.

Chairman of the jury of the EDP Awards is Herman Hartman, Editor-in-Chief of the magazine SignPro Benelux. Please feel free to contact him if you have any questions before applying and during the competition.

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CATEGORY LIST

Some categories may not sound very digital. However, we see products that can be integrated into a digital environment as part of the digital production chain that can participate in the EDP Awards.

The EDP Association reserves the right to add, change, remove or combine categories.

If your product does not fit into any of the listed categories, please contact the EDP Technical Committee or explain your reasons on the submission form. Please do not create own categories!





Please select the category in which you would like to nominate your product, state the number and name of the category in the entry form. Multiple nominations for a product in different categories are possible. Please use a separate entry form for each product.

1. SOFTWARE

- 1.01 **Layout, design and editing software**
- 1.02 **Color management**
- 1.03 **Workflow technologies**
(such as preflight, imposition, RIPs etc.)
- 1.04 **Workflow solutions**
(such as complete prepress workflow solutions or hybrid workflows)
- 1.05 **Workflow solutions**
for highspeed printers
- 1.06 **Workflow solutions**
for finishing systems
- 1.07 **Cloudbased workflow solutions**
- 1.08 **E-Commerce solutions**
- 1.09 **MIS/ERP systems**
(planning, controll etc.)
- 1.10 **Software automation tools**
- 1.11 **Special application software**
(such as for book printing, packaging, labels, variable data, crossmedia solutions etc.)

2. LARGE & WIDE FORMAT PRINTING SYSTEMS

Roll-to-roll printers

- 2.01 Printer < 170 cm
- 2.02 Printer < 350 cm
- 2.03 Printer > 350 cm

Flatbed/hybride printers

- 2.04 Printer < 100 m²/h
- 2.05 Printer < 250 m²/h
- 2.06 Printer > 250 m²/h

Print & cut solutions

- 2.08 **Special application printer**
(such as photo printer, multifunctional printer, CAD printer etc.)

Textile printers

- 2.09 Printer roll-to-roll < 100 m²/h
- 2.10 Printer roll-to-roll > 100 m²/h
- 2.11 Printer roll-to-roll inline finishing
- 2.12 Direct to garment printer
- 2.13 Direct to transfer



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3. COMMERCIAL PRINTING SYSTEMS

Cutsheet printers (toner)

- 3.01 Monochrome up to B3
- 3.02 Color up to B3 (special effects e.g. white option, varnish, neon, metallic inks or toner etc.)
- 3.03 Color up to B3 < 200.000 A4/month
- 3.04 Color up to B3 < 500.000 A4/month
- 3.05 Color up to B3 > 500.000 A4/month

Cutsheet printers (inkjet)

- 3.06 Color up to B3
- 3.07 Color B3 (+)
- 3.08 Color B2 (+)
- 3.09 Color B1 (+)

Webfed printers

- 3.10 Monochrome web printer
- 3.11 Color < 550 mm web width
- 3.12 Color < 800 mm web width
- 3.13 Color > 800 mm web width

Label and flexible packaging printers (toner/inkjet)

- 3.14 Label printer < 320 mm web width
- 3.15 Label printer > 321 mm web width
- 3.16 Combined label and flexible packaging printers

4. (INDUSTRIAL) PRINT & FINISHING SOLUTIONS

- 4.01 Label printing solution
- 4.02 Book printing solution
- 4.03 Folding carton solution
- 4.04 Corrugated solution
- 4.05 Flexible packaging solution
- 4.06 Wallpaper production
- 4.07 Textile production
- 4.08 Glass / Ceramics production
- 4.09 Laminate / Flooring solution
- 4.10 Leather solution
- 4.11 Other industrial print solutions

4.12 Print engines and print heads

Products or complete solutions that don't fit in the current categories can be listed in category 8.



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5. FINISHING & ENHANCEMENT SOLUTIONS

Cutting (knife, laser, water)

- 5.01 Sheetfed cutting solution
- 5.02 Wide format cutting solution

Cutsheet finishing

- 5.03 Cutsheet finishing solution inline
- 5.04 Cutsheet finishing solution offline

Wide format finishing

- 5.05 Wide format finishing solution inline
- 5.06 Wide format finishing solution offline

5.07 Webfed finishing solution

- 5.08 **Digital finishing** (such as digital converting, cutting and creasing etc.)

Digital enhancement

- 5.09 Lamination, foiling, hot stamping, embossing systems
- 5.10 Coating systems (laminators, varnishing etc.)
- 5.11 Enhancement solution inline
- 5.12 Enhancement solution offline
- 5.13 Diecutting

6. SUPPORT TOOLS

- 6.01 Print support tools
- 6.02 Finishing support tools
- 6.03 Cloudbased printer support
- 6.04 Cloudbased media and substrate support (delivering ICC profiles, video support etc.)
- 6.05 Measurement and calibration
- 6.06 Curing systems, dryer/lamps
- 6.07 Robotics

7. CONSUMABLES

INKS & TONERS (dry and fluid)

- 7.01 Waterbased ink
- 7.02 Pigment ink
- 7.03 Resin/Latex ink
- 7.04 Solvent ink
- 7.05 UV ink
- 7.06 Textile ink/toner
- 7.07 Environmental ink/toner
- 7.08 Low-migration ink/toner
- 7.09 Special effect ink/toner
- 7.10 Coatings and varnish
- 7.11 Industrial Ink

SUBSTRATES

- 7.12 Papers
- 7.13 Plastics
- 7.14 Selfadhesive substrate (paper, PVC, non PVC etc.)
- 7.15 Rigid substrates (indoor and outdoor)
- 7.16 Textiles (fabrics woven, fabrics non woven etc.)
- 7.17 Special application and effect substrates
- 7.18 PE or fake leather
- 7.19 Environmental friendly substrate

8. ACCOMPANYING TECHNOLOGIES

- 8.01 Digital signage concept
- 8.02 Display hardware

THE VALUE OF THE AWARDS

The EDP Association honors the best products of a year with the EDP Awards and thus recognizes the achievements of the industry in research and development.

Therefore, the logo of the EDP Awards is a quality and innovation sign.

The members of the EDP promote the EDP Awards in their magazines. This means that the winners receive international recognition, which increases the status of the respective companies in the digital printing industry.





"The new EDP logo in place since 2017, the independent EDP Award logo and the representative documentation stand for the value and high attractiveness of the EDP Awards".

Klaus-Peter Nicolay, President EDP Association.

Acolades given to products by the EDP Association create trust and signal the highest quality to professional users. Only the very best and innovative products are taken into consideration of the EDP Awards.

Marketing tools

Participants in the EDP Awards have excellent opportunities to promote the benefits of a possible award in advance.

- As soon as a submitted product is approved for the competition by the EDP Technical Committee, the company is notified and receives the label 'Competing in the EDP Awards 2021'. This label can be used to promote the product in question.
- From the submitted products, the Technical Committee nominates (at least) three for the EDP Awards in the respective category. The submitting company will be informed and can use the label 'Nominated for an EDP Award' for advertising purposes.
- Finally, the EDP Awards are selected from the nominated products. The nominated and winning companies will be informed in time and invited to the EDP Award Ceremony.
- All winners and nominees will receive a certificate and the EDP logo, which can be used for marketing purposes.
- EDP Award winners receive a trophy and certificate.
- The EDP Awards 2021 competition will also be documented in a representative booklet presenting all the products submitted. The jury's decision is also explained.



In addition, all EDP member magazines support an advertising campaign in the third and fourth quarters of the year, which publishes the EDP Awards winners, the companies and their products. Well over 100 advertisements will thus appear in the 21 EDP magazines in 27 European countries, representing an advertising value of at least 250,000 Euros.






















The distribution or readership corresponds to more than half a million readers (in the printed editions of the magazines alone) across Europe.

The editorial coverage of the EDP Awards in the EDP member magazines and the coverage in the entire trade press are an additional bonus for all those who took part in the competition.

In the EDP Report 2021, all submitted products were briefly presented on 68 pages, the nominated and award-winning products explained and the overall evaluation of the jury is published.



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The magazines of the EDP Association invite to the EDP Awards 2022. With their print circulation alone, the trade magazines support over half a million readers in 25 European countries in their investment decisions. The EDP Awards provide security and add value to products.





ENTRY FORM

Please use a separate form for each product. A product can be submitted in several categories. **Deadline: September 16, 2022.** Please complete and send to:
EDP Association • Ahornweg 20 • D-56814 Fankel/Mosel. Mail: nico@edp-award.org
An **online submission form** is also available at: www.edp-award.org

PRODUCT NAME

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Category number (please select from list)

SUBMITTING COMPANY

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Adress

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Contact person (phone/E-Mail)

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Responsible product manager (E-Mail)

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

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Produced by

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First presentation (when, where?)

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URL / Link to product and picture (or send it per E-Mail)

With my/our signature I/we agree to the proceedings and terms of the EDP Awards as well as the scale of charges of the participation in the competition. The participation fee for one product in one category is 500,00 Euro. Multiple nominations (same product in different categories): Basic participation fee plus 250,00 Euro per nomination in each category. The invoice is to be paid after the confirmation of participation.

I agree.

Date/Signature(s)



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