

EPR INNOVATION PRIZE 2017

PROCEDURES

Introduction

“Innovation is in the DNA of our organisations. We seem almost unable to rest on our laurels and are always improving our approaches”.

Innovation is the driver supporting the very existence of EPR as a network of mutual learning. Professionals must be encouraged to implement new ways of thinking and working with the view to continuously improve the service delivery to people with disabilities. Innovation must be at all times promoted, highlighted and rewarded.

In this light, EPR promotes exchange of innovative and good-practices within the network and thanks to the product catalogue allows EPR members and their staff to obtain without costs hands-on expertise in rehabilitation methodologies and tools and increase therefore the relevance and the added value of the EPR membership.

To stimulate the development of innovation and the dissemination of good practices, products and methods within the network, EPR has been promoting for several years its Innovation Prize. The Prize is to be granted to a professional or team which has presented the most innovative and high quality practice/product/method in his/her organisation.

Application process

The contest is open to all professionals working in EPR member organisations. One application can be submitted on behalf of an individual or a team. Applicants can submit a practice of any type (a service, a programme, a methodology, a tool, product etc...) and related to all areas of service provided by EPR members. EPR member organisations are invited to enter as many applications as they wish.

The process for applying to the prize is very easy and can be done by filling the template available on the EPR Innovation Prize webpage. Before filling the template, applicants are invited to read the criteria under “selection procedure” (see page 3) in order to describe their practice in the template accordingly.

Once a template has been completed, professional should submit it by email to the EPR secretariat at cinzia.de.letis@epr.eu

All the new templates sent to the EPR secretariat submitted in any time between the last Innovation Prize awarding ceremony in September 2016 until **03 April 2017** will be eligible for winning the Prize. The Innovation Prize Awarding Ceremony will take place during the EPR Annual Conference 2017 (8 June, Mulhouse, France).

Selection procedure

The EPR Innovation Prize will be granted to the practice, product, method selected for its innovative aspect and its added-value for the customer. The selection will be made on the basis of pre-defined criteria on the quality and innovative aspects of the practice:

- Needs driven
(Does the practice address a clearly identified unmet need?)
- Systematic Approach
(Is the problem, the milestones and outcomes well specified?)
- Stakeholders' involvement
(Is the practice centred on the user? Do other stakeholders have a role in the initiative?)
- Direct Impact
(Is the impact on beneficiaries obvious and clearly demonstrated?)
- Strategic/wider impact
(Has the initiative derived important lessons learned? Can it be transferred to other centres/target groups or generalised to the sector?)
- Practicality
(Is the initiative cost-effective and easy to implement?)
- Inventiveness/Creativity
(Does the initiative include new ways of thinking or working?)

The list of good-practices will be submitted to the EPR Centre Coordinators which will score these practices. The practice with the highest score will be selected as the winner of the Innovation Prize. After consultation with the Director of the winning organisation, the results will be communicated to the winner.

Prize

The prize is a voucher of **1.000 Euro** for travel and participation to EPR activities. The winner will also be invited to attend the EPR Annual Conference 2017 (hotel for one night and travel covered by EPR for one professional) to receive the Prize and present its practice to a wide audience of rehabilitation professionals.