DT4Regions Award

Your solutions for digital transformation

Guide for applicants

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DT4REGIONS Digital Transformation for Regions

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1. About the award

The DT4regions award gives visibility to the best solutions such as initiatives and technologicalapplications) based on Artificial Intelligence and Big Data currently in use by public administrations in Europe. Government in Europe are doing efforts to integrate AI and big data solutions into their operation and for improving services to citizens. From an analysis performed by AI Watch* it emerged that the AI is particularly used to support redesigning governance processes and policy-making mechanisms, as well as to improve public service delivery and engagement with citizens.

The DT4regions awards aims to encourage a bottom-up sharing of best practices, solutions, applications and initiatives adopted by national and regional governments or by public authorities at all levels so to increase mutual learning. Awarding the most successful cases of AI and big data implementation will serve to help scaling these solutions to further Member States.

2. Who can participate?

The DT4regions award is open to all civil servants, representatives of public administrations and members of European regional and national authorities that are aware of an initiative, application or successful solution based on artificial intelligence and big data adopted by public administrations in Europe.

3. Why should you join?

By nominating an initiative, application or solution you can:

- ✓ Contribute to exchange knowledge among public administrations in Europe
- ✓ Give visibility to your institution's initiative and contribute to scale it to other countries
- ✓ Boost digital transformation in Europe through knowledge sharing
- ✓ Be part of a community of peers exchanging best practices
- ✓ If award as winner, use the graphic label to give credibility and recognition to your initiative

4. How to participate?

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Civil servants, representatives of public administrations, regional and national authorities can nominate an initiative, applications or solution based on artificial intelligence and big data, they are aware of, by clicking on the "Apply Button". A sample of the application form can be previewed here. Each entrant can candidate one or more initiatives, applications or solutions providing all data to its best knowledge. It is of course possible to candidate initiatives belonging to one's own region, city, nation or public administration but each entrant can also candidate initiatives of which he/she is aware of, belonging to other countries or public administrations.

4. Awards Categories

Awards categories

We are looking for initiatives, solutions and applications falling in four main categories:

a) Supporting policy making

b) Improving public service delivery

c) Enhancing internal management

d) Other

Within each category, the topics addressed could belong to one or more of the following thematic areas:

- Agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food
- Economy and finance
- Education, culture and sport
- Energy
- Environment
- Government and public sector
- Health
- International issues
- Justice, legal system and public safety
- Population and society
- Regions and cities
- Science and technology
- Transport
- Other

5. Selection and Prizes

A jury composed by IT experts of the DT4Regions partners will evaluate all submissions.

A bunch of best applications pre-selected by the jury will be published on the DT4 platform in March 2023. Users of the platform will be able to vote for their favorite solutions through a thumbnail voting system till April 2023.

In April 2023 the winners of the award will be announced and awarded with a graphic label in two categories:

1. **Most Innovation Solutions for public administration based on AI and Big data**
1. *Selected and awarded by an expert jury*

2. **Public's Favorite**
2. *Selected and awarded by the DT4regions platform's users*

5.1 Selection criteria

The expert jury will evaluate all submissions based on the following selection criteria:

- Innovation degree of the solution
- Performance of the solution
- User friendliness
- Technology
- Impact

6. FAQ

1. **Who can candidate an application?** Representatives of European Public administrations that have developed applications based on Artificial Intelligence and Big Data or use applications based on AI and BD developed for them by third parties.

2. **Which solutions can be submitted?** All solutions that fall within the COFOG Categories (see complete list under question 4) and are in used by public administration in Europe. Civil servant submitting a solution might be required to submit additional resources related to the solutions upon request in a second stage

3. **Which are the prizes?** The best solutions will be awarded with a graphic label in two prize's categories:

   Most Innovation Solutions for public administration based on AI and BD → *selected and awarded by the jury*

   Public's Favorite → *selected and awarded by the DT4regions platform's users*

4. **Which are the Award Categories?**

We are looking for initiatives, solutions and applications falling in four main categories:

a) *Supporting policy making*
b) *Improving public service delivery*
c) *Enhancing internal management*
d) *Other*

Within each category, the topics addressed could belong to one or more of the following thematic areas:
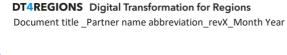
- Agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food
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	3. *Supporting policy making*	4. *Improving public service delivery*	5. *Enhancing internal management*
Award Categories			
Thematic Areas	*Agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food* *Economy and finance* *Education, culture and sport* *Energy* *Environment* *Government and public sector* *Health* *International issues* *Justice, legal system and public safety* *Population and society* *Regions and cities* *Science and technology* *Transport* *Other*		

5. What is the timeline for the award?

The award will open on the 1st July 2022.

Submission deadline for candidature: 31st October 2022 at 23 pm CET

Pre-selection of Jury of best solutions: by January 2022

Publication of pre-selected solutions on platform: by March 2023

Public voting of pre-selected solutions on platform open till 30th April 2023

6. **Who is behind the DT4regions award?** The DT4regions award is organized by the DT4regions project, a European Parliament Preparatory Action supported with European Funds.

7. **How is the jury composed?** The jury is composed by four experts from the DT4regions project with proved experience in the Artificial intelligence and big data.

8. **Which are the selection criteria?** For the award category "Most Innovation Solutions for public administration based on AI and Big data" the expert jury will evaluate all submissions based on the following selection criteria:
   o Innovation degree of the solution
   o Performance of the solution
   o User friendliness
   o Technology
   o Impact

9. **Any further questions? Contact us!** For any questions related to the DT4Regions award you can contact Simona Pede (pede@bwcon.de)

10. By submitting a candidature, you declare to agree to our Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy. You can check them beforehand here Privacy Policy.

7. Annex: Sample of Award Submission Form with guidelines

DT4regions Award – Submission Form

Thank you for taking the time to submit your initiative, application or technological solution based on AI and Big Data!

Please fill out all mandatory fields. You will receive an email confirmation once your form has been successfully submitted.

FORM

1. Name of the solution*

   [Please indicate here the name or title of your initiative, technological application or solution]

2. Briefly describe your solution*

   [Please provide here a description of your initiative, technological application or solution providing all the details you are aware of. A description should potentially address these questions:

- *How has the solution been designed and implemented? Outline here all the processes involved.*

- *What outputs have been delivered? Who can access these deliverables?*

- *Can your solution be further extended?*

- *What methodologies have been used to test and measure the performance of the system?]*

3. Publisher*

[Please indicate here the contact details of the person candidating the solution for the award, including: Name, Surname, Email Address]

4. Region/City*

[Please indicate here the region or city where the solution has been implemented]

5. Country*

[Please indicate here the country where the solution has been implemented]

6. Which problems or needs is the solution tackling?*

[Please indicate here which problems, needs, or strategic objectives your initiative, techological applications or solutions is trying to solve.

Does your solution deal with supporting policymaking, improving service deliveries, or enhancing internal management?]

7. Which benefits does this solutions offer to its users?*

[Please indicate here which benefits or advantages your solution offers to its users. Who are the stakeholders who benefit from this solution?]

8. Which technology is used within your solution?*

- *What models or technologies have been employed in the solution?*

- *How has the data been collected?*

9. Which thematic areas does your solutions address?*

[Please select here on of the following thematic areas:

- *Agriculture, fisheries, forestry and food*

- *Economy and finance*

- *Education, culture and sport*

- *Energy*

- *Environment*

- *Government and public sector*

- *Health*

- *International issues*

- *Justice, legal system and public safety*

- *Popoulation and society*

- *Regions and cities*

- *Science and technology*

- *Transport*

- *Other]*

10. Tags* (add any keywords that describe your solutions separating them with a comma)

11. Resources: Add here any further resources related to your solutions as data, code, link to repository, metadata, lincense, video, power point presentations

[Please include here any set of files needed to deploy your solutions that can be reused by other public administration. Examples of resources are:

Data (link to external storage or data services)

Software (source code or link to open repositories)

Documentation and readme files (recommended)

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