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## THE INTERNATIONAL TUNNELLING AND UNDERGROUND SPACE ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR NOMINATION FOR THE 8<sup>th</sup> EDITION OF ITA TUNNELLING AWARDS

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the ITA Tunnelling and Underground Space Awards is officially launched ! Since 2015, the international competition seeks and rewards remarkable achievements in tunnelling and underground industry. Organized by the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association, which gathers [78 Member Nations](#) and 300 corporate or individual members, the event both showcases the latest innovations, techniques and methods implemented in underground construction and offers a global overview of ongoing projects all over the world.

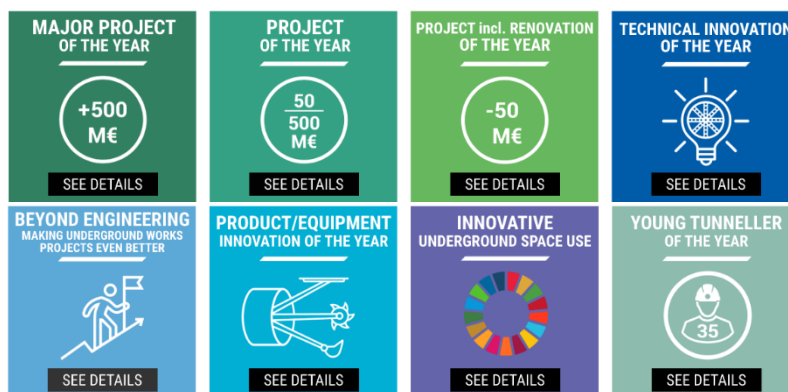
This edition will once again be available online at the end of the year on a dedicated digital platform.

### NOVELTIES FOR 2022

Since 2015, submissions can be made through different categories showing essential aspects of tunnelling industry. This year, a category dedicated to equipment is back: Product/Equipment: Innovation of the year. Innovations, whether for a new product or for new knowledge of an existing product, are at the heart of the tunnelling sector and address challenges of safety, cost effectiveness, academic research and sustainable objectives.

### 8 CATEGORIES

- MAJOR PROJECT OF THE YEAR - OVER €500 MILLION
- PROJECT OF THE YEAR - BETWEEN €50 MILLION & €500 MILLION
- PROJECT OF THE YEAR INCL. RENOVATION - UP TO €50 MILLION
- TECHNICAL INNOVATION OF THE YEAR
- BEYOND ENGINEERING - MAKING UNDERGROUND WORKS PROJECTS EVEN BETTER
- PRODUCT / EQUIPMENT – INNOVATION OF THE YEAR
- INNOVATIVE UNDERGROUND SPACE USE
- YOUNG TUNNELLER OF THE YEAR



## ENTRIES SUBMISSION & SELECTION PROCESS

- Candidacies can be submitted until **July 8th 2022**.
- Entries and selection process have to be made on ITA website: <https://awards.ita-aites.org/account-creation>
- Nominations for the different categories must be related to projects for which the major civil engineering work was completed between 1st January 2019 and 1st April 2022
- The Young Tunneller of the Year rewards an individual born after 1st January 1986 and who has brought an outstanding contribution to tunnelling.

More information on ITA Tunnelling and Underground Space Awards website: <https://awards.ita-aites.org/>

### **About the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association:**

[The International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association](#) (ITA) is a non-profit and non-governmental international organization, which aims at promoting the use of underground space as a solution to sustainable development. Founded in 1974 and operating out of Lausanne, Switzerland, ITA currently associates 78 Member Nations, 300 affiliated members, 14 Prime Sponsors and 60 supporters.

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