

A resounding success for the first Luxembourg AI Excellence Awards

The first **Luxembourg AI Excellence Awards** ceremony was held on 17 June 2025 as part of the NEXUS Luxembourg 2025 conference at Luxexpo The Box, in the presence of Elisabeth Margue, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister for Media and Connectivity. Moderated by Céline Tarraube, Advisor Digital & Innovation at FEDIL, and Fateh Amroune, Luxembourg AI Factory Lead at Luxinnovation, and introduced by Jean-Louis Schiltz, Vice-President of FEDIL, the event was attended by numerous guests, members of the jury and the winners of this first edition 2025.

Initiated by FEDIL, in partnership with Luxinnovation and with the support of the Chamber of Commerce, this competition aims to celebrate excellence in artificial intelligence in Luxembourg. It honours bold innovative projects, significant technological breakthroughs and concrete applications of AI for the benefit of the economy, society or the environment.

No fewer than 55 projects were submitted for this inaugural edition. Following a thorough evaluation by a panel of experts from both the public and private sectors, four awards and a "Coup de Coeur" distinction were conferred for outstanding projects, which you can explore in the subsequent pages.

Fully meeting the criteria set out in the Awards rules, the winning projects were selected on the basis of their innovative and original nature, their demonstrated use of AI technologies, their effective implementation and their potential impact, whether economic, societal or environmental.

Emmanuel Vivier, chairman of the jury and co-founder of the HUB Institute, praised the enthusiasm generated by this first edition of the Luxembourg AI Excellence Awards: "Among the 55 private sector companies that submitted their applications, we find start-ups, SMEs as well as large established players, from all fields of activity. This confirms that artificial intelligence affects all economic players."

Minister Elisabeth Margue emphasised the excellence and dynamism of the national AI ecosystem: "These innovative projects illustrate the ability of our companies to integrate artificial intelligence into their research, development and innovation processes. It is a key driver of competitiveness, helping to strengthen the Luxembourg economy." On the strength of this first success, FEDIL, Luxinnovation and the Chamber of Commerce have already announced their intention to repeat the experience with a next edition planned for 2026.

The organisation of the Luxembourg AI Excellence Awards is part of a host of FEDIL initiatives, including, among others, the AI Forum, the survey on AI and generative AI in industry, its position on and contribution to Luxembourg's national artificial intelligence strategy and its opinion on draft law 8476 (implementation of the AI Act), thus putting topics related to artificial intelligence at the top of its agenda.

FEDIL and Luxinnovation would like to thank the jury of this first edition for their commitment and sound judgement:

- Emmanuel Vivier, Hub Institute (President)
- Francesco Ferrero, LIST
- Thomas Friederich, EarthLab
- Sophie Klecker, Ministry of the Economy
- Philippe Linster, House of Startups
- Anne-Catherine Ries, SMC
- Georges Schmit
- Emilia Tantar, Black Swan
- Lily Wang, Expon Capital
- Sébastien Wiertz, Paul Wurth Incub