

Terms and Conditions of EXPERT 2023 Competition

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[General provisions]

1. The EXPERT Competition (hereinafter called the Competition) is organized by nbi med!a based in Krakow, 9 Zakopianska Street, Tax Identification Number 679-219-75-98 (hereinafter called the Organizer), operating on behalf of Kielce University of Technology and Polish Foundation for Trenchless Technologies.
2. The mission of the Competition is to promote knowledge about trenchless technologies and to support companies and institutions implementing innovative products and technologies in the construction and renovation of underground networks.
3. The goal of the Competition is to select and award with the EXPERT Statuette (hereinafter the Award) by voting of Jury members, the implemented innovative projects and products introduced to the market in the trenchless industry.
4. The Statuettes will be awarded in 3 categories:
 - I. Trenchless installation in 2022-2023,
 - II. Trenchless rehabilitation in 2022-2023,
 - III. The innovative solutions in the range of devices, products or technology used for trenchless installation or rehabilitation as well as for diagnostics of underground pipelines in 2022-2023.

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[Applications]

1. The participation in the Competition is free of charge.
2. The companies and institutions may apply for the Competition only on their own behalf.
3. Applications to the Competition may be made by more than one entity. In this case, the following can be distinguished:
 - a) Submitting entity – there is allowed only one Submitting entity, which is responsible for applying for the Competition and it is presented by the Organizer as the first participant in the Competition. The Organizer will contact the Submitting entity at each stage of the Competition,
 - b) The co-submitting entity - there is no limit to the number of Co-submitting Entities. However, the Co-submitting Entities can only be: the investors or contractors implementing a project submitted to the Competition in consortium with the Submitting Entity, which significantly contributed to the creation of the submitted project.
4. The competition is open to companies, business entities, local government units, state institutions, public institutions, universities and other entities related to the trenchless technology industry, which:
 - a) developed or implemented an innovative solution in the field of devices, products or technologies used in trenchless construction, renovation and diagnostics of underground networks in 2022-2023,
 - b) complete the application form correctly. The form is available on the Organizer website www.nodigpoland.pl and send it to the Organizer together with references (minimum 1 pc) and all the required attachments, in an electronic form by September 8th 2023,
 - c) declare participation in the conference NO-DIG POLAND 2023 of at least one person representing the Submitting Entity and at least one person representing the Co-submitting Entity, and will make a payment for participation in the Conference.
5. The application form should also include the references, opinions, approvals of the submitted implementation, as well as additional descriptions, photos and drawings of the project / product. All materials should be sent electronically to the e-mail address provided on the application form.
6. Only the following can be submitted to the Competition:
 - a) projects implemented and properly received by the investor in the period from 1/01/2022 to 31/08/2023,
 - b) innovative products introduced to the Polish and international market in the period from 1/01/2022 to 31/08/2023.

7. The Organizer reserves the right to check the correctness and compliance with these regulations of the submitted project or product. The applications that do not comply with the Regulations will be rejected by the Organizer without asking for completion.

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[Competition Commission and Jury]

1. The composition of the Competition Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) and the Competition Jury (hereinafter referred to as the Jury) shall be selected before the beginning of each edition of the Competition. The Commission and Jury are composed of representatives of the trenchless technology industry - practitioners and experts, representatives of industry organizations and authorities of the scientific community.
2. The selection of the winner projects or products will be made by the Commission and the Jury in two stages:
 - a) Stage 1 - The Committee verifies the submitted projects / products in terms of compliance with the Regulations and awards a nomination for the next stage,
 - b) Stage 2 - Jury voting which will result in the selection of winner projects or products.
3. Each of the Jurors is obliged to keep confidential the voting process and accept the provisions of these Regulations.
4. There is no appeal against the Jury's decision.

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[The Prize]

1. The prize in the Competition is the bronze EXPERT Statuette, made by Sławomir Micek, sculptor, graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow, member of the Association of Sculptors.
2. The Prize is awarded during the Gala dinner on September 28th 2023, during the NO-DIG POLAND 2023 conference.
3. The Submitting Entity who won in a given category receives one EXPERT Statuette, regardless of the number of Co-submitting Entities.
4. Information about nominations and winners may be made public in press releases, on the website www.nodigpoland.pl, in social media and other places and forms not included in the Regulations. In addition, if the Prize is received, data such as 'Name of the submitted project / product' and 'Submitting Entity' will be written on the Statuette.
5. The Organizer reserves the right to award additional distinctions in a given category. All distinctions will receive appropriate diplomas confirming the above status.
6. The Organizer reserves the right not to award some or all of the Awards in a given edition of the Competition. In the event of prior selection of the Jury, this decision is made by the Organizer after consulting the Jury.

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[Final Provisions]

1. Sending the application to the Organizer is tantamount to the acceptance of the Competition regulations.
2. The Regulations are available at the Organizer's and at www.nodigpoland.pl. The regulation may be printed and saved on portable devices or media.
3. The Regulations are the sole document specifying the rules for accepting applications and awarding the Prize. All other promotional and advertising materials are auxiliary.
4. The Regulations become effective as of March 30th 2023.