



The European Enterprise Promotion Awards (EPPAs) are currently in their 13th annual edition.

In 2019, 260 National EEPA entries were received from 29 participating countries. 51 of these projects were selected by the National Co-ordinators of each country and were put forward to the European level of the competition.

This year's jury was made up of members of the outgoing Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the current Finnish Presidency, along with representatives from the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions, business, and academia. Following a great deal of deliberation, the jury established a shortlist of 18 nominees in six categories. The category winners will be announced at the SME Assembly in Helsinki, Finland. The prestigious Grand Jury Prize winner and special mentions will also be announced at the EEPA ceremony.

The jury was chaired by Kristin Schreiber, Director for COSME Programme and SME Policy, who paid tribute to the diversity, innovation and creativity of the applicants.

## **The 2019 shortlist is as follows:**

### **Category 1 – Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit**

**Denmark:** Game Hub Scandinavia

**Serbia:** The Path of the Young Entrepreneur

**Belgium:** Port Incubator CVBA-SO, a safe port for young experimentation. Haven (Port)

### **Category 2 – Investing in Entrepreneurial Skills**

**Cyprus** - IDEA Innovation Centre & Incubator – Accelerator for Start-up

**Italy** - FactorYmpresa Turismo

**Portugal** - Programa INOV CONTACTO – Programa de Estágios Internacionais de Jovens Quadros

### **Category 3 – Improving the Business Environment**

**Bulgaria** – Fast Tracking Success

**Czech Republic** - Trh inovací

**Spain** – Fomento de la Contratacion Publica con Pymes

### **Category 4 – Supporting the Internationalisation of Business**

**Belgium** – Crossroads2

**Romania** - The Romanian high-tech innovation, competitive all over the world

**Sweden** - HealthTech Nordic

### **Category 5 – Supporting the Development of Green Markets and Resource Efficiency**

**Greece** – Tilos

**Netherlands** - Green Pac iLab

**Sweden** – Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP)

### **Category 6 – Responsible and Inclusive Entrepreneurship**

**Germany** – Start-up Your Future

**Italy** - Insieme per il lavoro, Together for Work

**Spain** - Reborn Programme - Programa Renace