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The Eurobitume Trophy recognises an outstanding innovation or initiative that has delivered a significant improvement in the health, safety or wellbeing of operators engaged in activities associated with bitumen, asphalt or laying.

This long running and prestigious award, which is sponsored by Eurobitume, will be presented at the MPA Health & Safety event on 7th July 2026.

The judges are particularly keen to encourage entries that relate to the handling of bitumen.

## WHY SUBMIT AN ENTRY FOR THE EUROBITUME TROPHY?

Bitumen, its related products and laying play a significant role within the mineral products industry. However, the nature of bitumen requires that exacting standards are applied to its handling including its delivery, storage and use in a wide range of applications. It is vital that as an industry we share information about good practice and innovations that help to make anyone working within this sector healthier and safer.

### This award will help to achieve the following:

- Recognise excellence in health and safety demonstrated within this sector.
- Raise the profile of your organisation with your peers and potential clients.
- Provide recognition of your achievement to your staff and in particular, the individuals involved.
- Demonstrate the importance that your company attaches to health and safety.
- Provide an example of excellence that others within the sector can aspire to.
- Help increase awareness of the importance of health and safety standards across the sector.
- Helps to demonstrate the philosophy that we are all **'Safer by Sharing'**.

## WHO CAN ENTER?

The entry for this award can be submitted by any MPA Member or MPA NI member (Full or Associate) or any member of Eurobitume including those from overseas. However, a submission from an overseas member must relate to an initiative that has been used and can be demonstrated at a UK site. All entries must be submitted in English..

## CAN I SUBMIT AN ENTRY TO THE TOPIC AWARDS AND FOR THE EUROBITUME TROPHY?

Yes, if you are submitting an entry under one of the MPA's 7 Topics, you can simply request that an entry is also considered for the Eurobitume Trophy, this is achieved by simply ticking the Eurobitume box on the Topic Entry form.

## WHAT COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED FROM FINALISTS?

A judge may request a visit to the site to view the innovation in operation and discuss the benefits with the operators on-site. If short listed for the trophy, MPA will request a short video that will be shown at the awards event. The video should provide a summary of your submission, outlining the issue it addresses and the benefits that have been realised.

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## WHAT ARE THE SORT OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE COVERED BY THE EUROBITUME TROPHY?

**MPA anticipate that entries will reflect one or more of the following:**

- How you have made a significant improvement in the transport, storage or handling of bitumen.
- How you have made a significant improvement in the processing of asphalt, the maintenance of plant, testing of products, the storage, transport or delivery of asphalt.
- How you have made a significant improvement in the laying of asphalt either on-highway or at other types of location.
- How you have improved the training or skills of your employees or contractors, resulting in an improvement in their health, safety and wellbeing.
- How you have introduced an initiative that has improved the sharing of expertise and knowledge in relation to activities associated with bitumen, asphalt or laying.
- Please note that your entry may relate to an entry that you have made under one of the 7 MPA H&S Topics.
- If your submission relates to the mitigation of a hazard associated with one or more of the MPA's 'The Fatal 6', please reference this in your submission.
- Other issues provided they are associated with bitumen, asphalt or laying.

## WHEN IS THE CLOSING DATE?

Final entries must be submitted by the 17th October 2025.

## HOW EASY IS IT TO ENTER?

Entering is straight forward. Please submit circa 750 words summarising your initiative and the benefits it has delivered. The entry forms provides more information and guidance on what could be included in your entry.

MPA would welcome up to six items of additional supporting materials. This might include images with appropriate file names, a Powerpoint, a video or some sample documentation relevant to your submission. If you need to discuss this further, please contact [entries@mpahsawards.org](mailto:entries@mpahsawards.org) for further guidance.

## WHO SHOULD SUBMIT THE ENTRY?

The entry should be authorised by a Senior Manager, the Owner, a Director or Head of Health and Safety.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you wish to discuss this further or require any additional information, please contact Amy Harris at [amy.harris@mineralproducts.org](mailto:amy.harris@mineralproducts.org) or David Yelland at [entries@mpahsawards.org](mailto:entries@mpahsawards.org)

## 'The FATAL 6'

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**3**  
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**Mitigating high consequence hazards**

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