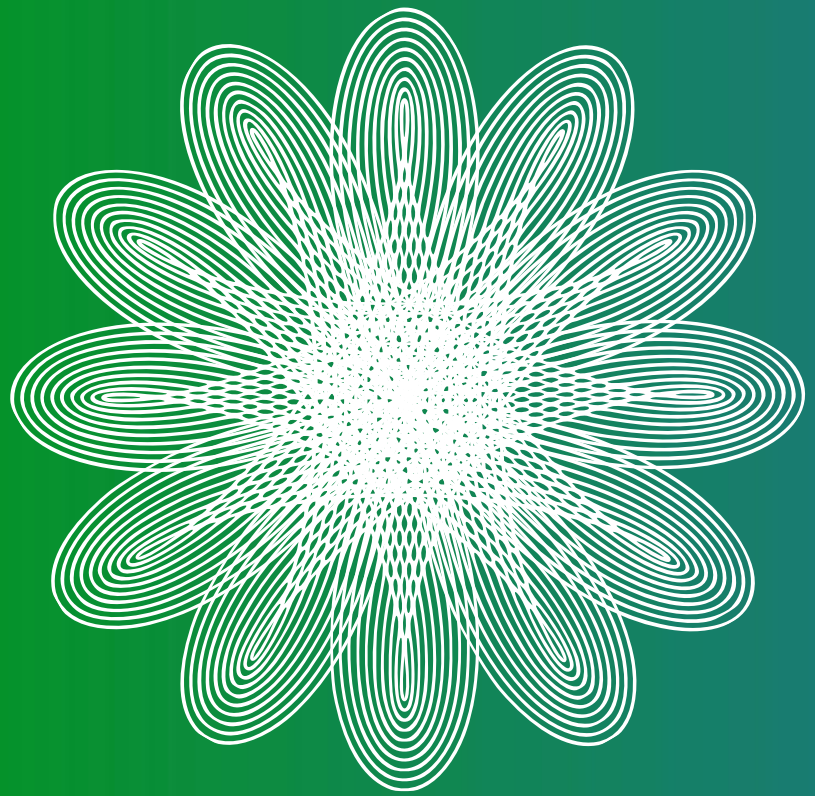

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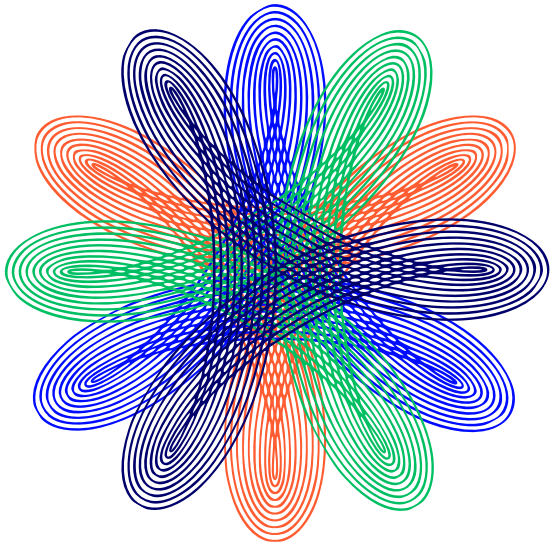

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The **European Data Spaces Awards** are launched with the objective of promoting the best-in-class European data sharing initiatives. Highlighting the achievements of selected initiatives will help to increase visibility and promote best practices that can guide others.

This **yearly award celebrating best practices** will encourage the community to grow and improve. This first edition, the European Data Spaces Awards 2025, is organised in two different categories.

The Awards are closely aligned with the Maturity Model for Common European Data Spaces to further help promoting the underlying concepts and values.

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European Data Spaces Awards 2025: Important dates

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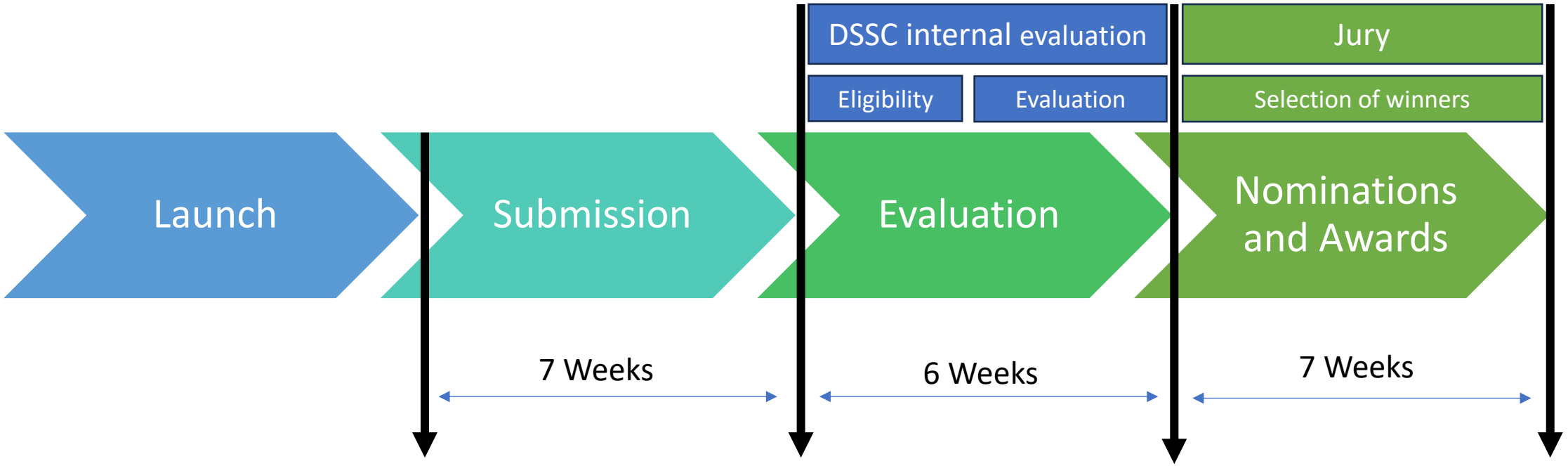

23-Sep-2025
Launch event
Open for submissions

7-Nov-2025
Period to submit applications closes

17-Dec-2025
Nominations announced

10/11-Feb-2026
DSS2026
Awards ceremony.
Winners announced

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Who can apply?

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Any data space fulfilling the following requirements:

- The governance authority of the data space is registered in the EU (*)
- The data space operates totally or partially in the EU
- The data space is actively being used to share data (**)
- Data being shared includes restricted data (not only open data)

(*) Many data spaces are in implementation phase. In that scenario the project coordinator can apply on behalf of the data space.

(**) Many data spaces are in implementation phase. Shared data includes data shared in pilots closed to the production/real-life operational environment.

These requirements are part of the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility questions will be based on self-assessment by the applicant.

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How to apply? (1/4)

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- **Online form** accessible through the DSSC.eu website: the **Awards landing page**

- The Awards landing page offers relevant resources and reference documents for applicants

- The Awards landing page will keep applicants informed of any changes in reference documents (e.g. FAQs docs, etc.)

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How to apply? (2/4)

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- Applicants must choose the category of awards they want to apply. If applicants decide to apply for both awards, they need to submit 2 separate applications.

- **The online form**:
  - **Basic questions about the applicant and the data space** (short online questionnaire) (mandatory)
  - **Eligibility questions** (4 questions online / Self-declaration) (mandatory)
  - Submission space to **upload** your **Awards Application Document** (mandatory)
  - Submission space to add links to any additional resources you would like to provide (optional).
  - Privacy statements

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How to apply? (3/4)

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- **Awards Application Document** (mandatory):
  - Applicants are required to submit a document **in .pdf format** of **maximum 8 pages**
  - We will refer to this document as the **Awards Application Document**.
  - Document templates are offered for the 2 Awards categories.
  - The Application Document **must follow the structure defined in the templates**.
  - The templates provide information on the objectives and evaluation criteria per section in full alignment with the Maturity Model v2.0

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How to apply? (4/4)

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- Additional information (optional):
  - Applicants can provide a link to access additional resources about the data space (e.g. videos, presentations, additional documents, brochures, etc).
  - Those resources are complementary and not the main source of information for evaluation.
  - Those resources can be helpful to better understand the context and basics of your data space or to describe in a more creative and visual way information already described in the application form.

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Important docs

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- Reference and supporting documents and links:
  - **Maturity Model for Common European Data Spaces v2.0**
  - **Data Spaces Blueprint v2.0**
  - **Guide/information for applicants**
  - **Template Awards Application Document – Category 1**
  - **Template Awards Application Document – Category 2**
  - A FAQs document will be uploaded and regularly updated

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Nominations and awards

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- All nominated data spaces per category will be invited to join the DSS2026 Awards Ceremony
- The jury will announce the winners during the ceremony
- All nominated data spaces will get visibility
- The awarded data spaces will receive a lot of visibility and recognition.

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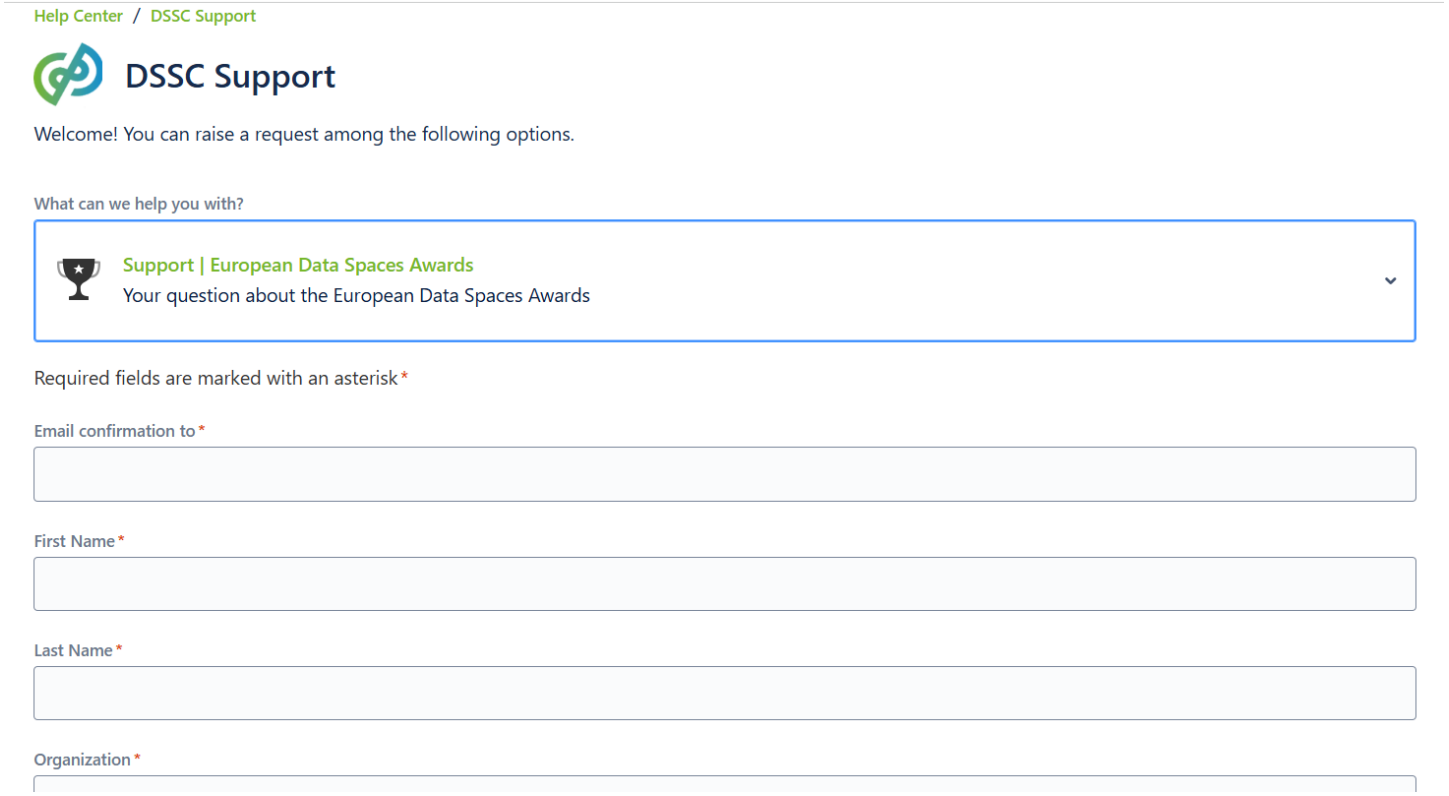
Contact us for any question through our support platform (dssc.eu)



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