



The 2026 Sustainability Awards jury

For this year's IAPH Sustainability Awards, 15 distinguished jury members from the maritime sector have returned to select finalists from a list of validated projects submitted by member ports in the following categories:

- Climate and Energy
- Environmental Care
- Community Building
- Infrastructure
- Digitalization
- Health, Safety, and Security.

The top three entries in each category will be announced at the end of August and the public will then be given the chance to vote, co-determining the outcome of the awards.



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