



Call for nominations for ETSI Fellowship awards

The ETSI Fellowship Programme was established to honour and reward those individuals who have made an outstanding personal contribution to ETSI, to build ETSI's work, or raise its reputation in specific standardisation sectors.

This programme has broad visibility through:

- a wide communication campaign before and after the ceremony,
- a high-profile awards ceremony,
- a prestigious award,
- and a display of fellows within the ETSI premises.

Who is eligible for an ETSI Fellowship?

Individuals of the following categories are eligible for nomination:

- current or former participants in ETSI's work (representatives of current or former members),
- current or former participants in ETSI's Partnership Projects (not necessarily representatives of members),
- current or former representatives of Partners or Counsellors,
- former members of the ETSI Secretariat.

Nominees do not need to have held an official position in ETSI.

An ETSI Fellowship may also be awarded posthumously.

Nomination of candidates

Any individual representing an ETSI member, except members of the Awards Committee, may propose up to one candidate per call for an ETSI Fellowship.

To be eligible for an award, a candidate should be nominated by at least four (4) individuals who do not belong to the same ETSI member, Corporate Group, or Public Group as the nominee, and not to one of the other nominators. Nominations from individuals representing a diverse mix of member categories would be strongly recommended.

Nominations will remain confidential. Candidates do not need to be consulted prior to their nomination, however, if they are awarded an ETSI Fellowship, their permission should be obtained before publishing any details about them, in order to comply with GDPR.

Criteria

The award recognises an outstanding contribution to ETSI and is given to an individual whose dedication to ETSI is well known and widely recognised.

Recipients of the award should be recognised for:

- an outstanding personal contribution to ETSI, clear personal contribution to a major innovation or transformation within ETSI, or a personal commitment to ETSI's work that goes well beyond performing their duties as part of their paid job.
- a clear, decisive leadership in ETSI or in an ETSI committee during a critical phase in ETSI's development, or in the development of an ETSI technology.
- being an 'unsung hero' of ETSI, those who have made long-term contributions to ETSI, particularly at the level of technical work, and perhaps at the expense of their corporate careers.

Fellows may also be recognised for achievements reflecting one or more of the five ETSI strategic directions (see the [ETSI Strategy](#) for further details):

1. Being at the Heart of Digital: e.g., an active contributor to a new technology that will significantly impact digital transformation.
2. Being an Enabler of Standards: e.g., an active contributor to increasing, enhancing and exploiting partnerships for standards development; promoting standardisation.
3. Being Global: e.g., an active contributor to a globally implemented standard; providing education about standards.
4. Being Versatile: e.g., an active contributor to introducing new working methods and tools in standardisation.
5. Being Inclusive: e.g., an active contributor to promoting and attracting multiple sectors of activity.

Awards Committee

An Awards Committee decides who receives an ETSI Fellowship. Each nomination will be assessed on its individual merits, based on the information provided in the nomination form and on any other information at the Awards Committee's disposal, as necessary.

The Committee is composed of the GA Chair and Vice-Chairs, the Board Chair and the ETSI Director-General. The Secretariat will provide support to the Awards Committee.

Current members of the Awards Committee are ineligible to receive an ETSI Fellowship.

Call for nominations

Although nominations may be submitted at any time, ETSI Fellowship awards are announced at the spring General Assembly each year. To be considered for an award at **GA#87**, nominations should be received by the end of the day on **19 December 2025**.

Nominations should be submitted in writing and should clearly justify why the nominee should be granted an ETSI Fellowship. Nominations should be sent to the **ETSI Director-General** using the attached **nomination form**.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Ellsberger
ETSI Director-General

Nomination form for the ETSI Fellowship award

This nomination form should be completed with as many details as possible, assuming that no one on the Awards Committee is familiar with the nominee.

Nominee's name and company/organisation:
Nominee's contact details: - Email address: - Phone number (mobile and/or fixed): - Postal address (company or private):
Nominating persons/companies: A nominee must be supported by at least four (4) individuals/nominating persons who do not belong to the same ETSI member, Corporate Group, or Public Group as the nominee, and not to one of the other nominators. It is recommended that these nominating persons represent different groups of companies and a diverse mix of member categories (e.g. governmental bodies, manufacturers and operators...). Please note that each nominating person may support only one nomination per call for an ETSI Fellowship. <u>Please list the nominating persons:</u> 1) Name and company: Contact details: 2) Name and company: Contact details: 3) Name and company: Contact details: 4) Name and company: Contact details:
Nomination date:
Please provide concrete arguments justifying this nomination, including the nominee's contributions to ETSI and explaining why the nominee deserves the award:
Basic facts and key achievements regarding the nominee's activities or involvement with ETSI (dates, roles, etc...)? Please provide concrete examples of achievements that support the arguments given above:
References to documentation or publications (ETSI or non-ETSI) that support these achievements:

Information on the nominee's career outside ETSI, before, during or after her/his involvement in ETSI, if relevant:

Has the nominee been informed of this nomination?

It is generally recommended not to inform her/him, to avoid potential disappointment.