

EuroSoTL Conference – Joanna Renc-Roe Award

How the Award is judged

Prior to the EuroSoTL Conference

- Abstracts are submitted in response to the official Conference Call for Proposals.
- The EuroSoTL Board or the conference organising team will determine whether all abstracts or only those designated for in-person presentations are to be considered for the Joanna Renc-Roe (JRR) Award.
- A team of reviewers, appointed by the EuroSoTL Board or conference team, will be tasked with ranking the submitted abstracts. Each reviewer will be invited to nominate one project that they believe merits consideration for the JRR Award. This process should result in a shortlist of 15–20 abstracts.
- Where feasible, judges from a range of European geographical regions should be appointed, to support fairness and diversity in perspective during the selection process.
- The shortlisted abstracts will be forwarded to the judging panel in advance of the conference for final consideration and selection of award recipients.
- If the conference organisers request extended abstracts (e.g., for the conference proceedings) from accepted applicants prior to the event, these may also be shared with the judges to support a more informed evaluation. This practice was followed at previous conferences, including Lund, Bilbao, and Manchester.
- The final selection of the award winner will be based solely on the abstract (and, where applicable, the extended abstract). The decision will be made prior to the conference, and the conference presentation itself will not be a factor in the judging process.

At the EuroSoTL conference

- The Award will be presented at a prominent point in the conference programme, ideally when all participants are gathered together. The presentation will include:
 - A framed certificate naming the author(s),
 - The title of the winning project, and
 - Where possible, a brief citation or justification explaining why the project was selected.
- In addition to the main winner, two additional abstracts may be recognised as ‘Highly Commended’, and these authors will also be acknowledged publicly during the award presentation.