

Conditions of participation IF Digital Award

1. First IF Digital Award

The IF Digital Award will be presented for the first time at SCHWEISSEN & SCHNEIDEN 2025.

It will be awarded to exhibitors who have developed innovative and pioneering digital solutions (products, services or concepts that are ready for the market) in the field of welding and cutting technology and thus decisively advance the industry.

The innovation should fulfil the following criteria:

1. Degree of Innovation:

- The solution represents a significant advance in the digital transformation of welding and cutting.

2. Practical Applicability:

- The innovation offers a practicable solution for the welding and cutting industry and thus represents a real benefit for the user. The product/service is available and must be presented at the trade fair.

3. Added Value:

- The digital solution leads to efficiency gains, cost savings, quality improvements, sustainability, resource conservation or other relevant benefits.

2. Admission

Only exhibitors and co-exhibitors at SCHWEISSEN & SCHNEIDEN 2025 whose digital innovations meet the above criteria (see point 1) are eligible for admission. Application for the IF Digital Award is free of charge.

3. Registration

Registration takes place via the closed exhibitor area (GAB) of SCHWEISSEN & SCHNEIDEN, recognising these conditions of participation. Registration deadline: **28 June 2025**.

4. Jury

The jury is made up exclusively of trade visitors to SCHWEISSEN & SCHNEIDEN. Participating visitors can cast their votes via the S & S app from the start of the trade fair, Monday, 15 September 2025, 9.00 a.m. to Friday, 19 September 2025, 12.00 noon. Each trade fair visitor has one vote.

5. Award ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on 19 September 2025 at 2 p.m. at the IndustryFusion Foundation stand in Hall 6D22. Three prizes will be awarded: 1st place (gold), 2nd place (silver) and 3rd place (bronze). The exhibitors of the award-winning innovations may use the award and the IF Digital Awards logo to promote their innovations.

6. Consent

Upon submission, the exhibitor agrees that his text may be edited by MESSE ESSEN GmbH prior to publication. Exhibitors are not entitled to have their submissions published on all channels.