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The DesignEuropa Awards, which celebrate excellence in design and design management, are now open for applications and nominations.

Organised by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), the DesignEuropa Awards honour outstanding design brought to the marketplace with the protection of the Registered Community Design (RCD).

The nomination and application period for the DesignEuropa Awards runs from today, 21 October 2019, until 20 April 2020.

The DesignEuropa Awards categories are:

- The Industry Award: for RCDs owned by companies which have more than 50 employees and over EUR 10 million in turnover/balance sheet total
- The Small and Emerging Companies Award: for RCDs owned by companies which either fewer than 50 employees and less than EUR 10 million in turnover/balance sheet total or were established after January 1 2016, regardless of their size.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award: for individual designers with a significant body of aesthetic work, created over the course of a career, which has also had a demonstrable impact on the marketplace. Nominees in this category must currently use or have used the RCD system during their professional careers.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in Eindhoven, The Netherlands, on 20 October 2020 in collaboration with the <u>Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate</u>

Policy and the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property.