

PRESS RELEASE

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Putting EU innovation centre stage: Orgalim partners with CTO of the Year Europe award

Orgalim, the association representing Europe's technology industries, has become a partner to the CTO of the Year Europe award – presented in recognition of the continent's most prominent technology leaders.

Now in its fifth year, the CTO of the Year Europe award is designed to highlight the role of technology and innovation as drivers of European growth and prosperity, with previous winners hailing from global giants like Intel and Rolls-Royce to agile growth businesses such as Avantium and Nanolive.

As of 2019, Orgalim will join Finnish company Spinverse as a major partner to the award. "Orgalim's mission is to put innovation at the heart of the EU's future," explains Director General Malte Lohan. "Partnering with the CTO of the Year Europe award is a fantastic opportunity to promote the innovative strengths of European firms, as they help our industries shape a future that's good for the EU and its citizens."

"We are delighted to have been joined by such a strong partner for the CTO of the Year Europe award," comments Pekka Koponen, one of the award's founders and Founder and Chairman of Spinverse. "Orgalim's member organisations represent the companies that are investing most in innovation and technology in Europe, and CTOs play a key role in this." The award is also supported by the European Industrial Research Management Association (EIRMA).

Nominations for the 2019 award are now open

Nominations for the CTO of the Year Europe 2019 are now open, and can be submitted anytime before 1 October via the awards website. The award will be presented in two categories: large companies and SMEs. While nominees do not need to have 'CTO' in their job title, they should be responsible for technology development at their firm. Moreover, they should be able to show how they have leveraged innovation to make a positive impact in answering societal needs over the past 12 to 18 months. The winners will be inspiring change leaders and technological pioneers in their field.

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Award ceremony on 12 November

The award will be presented during the Orgalim conference '[Reinventing Europe's industrial leadership](#)' on 12 November in Brussels. In an innovative new format, finalists will be presented to the conference audience – and the audience will have the chance to vote for their preferred finalist, with the judges taking this into account when selecting the winners.

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit: <https://www.ctoeurope.net>.

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About Spinverse

Spinverse is a leader in innovation consulting, specialised in driving open innovation ecosystems, arranging funding and commercialising emerging technologies. Founded in 2004, Spinverse employs over 50 international professionals. The services include creating and coordinating innovation ecosystems, technology consulting and business consulting.

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