Hundreds of organisations from different sectors all around the world have applied for the Quality Innovation of the Year Competition for neutral evaluation and recognition of their innovation. The competition started in Finland 2007 and has since developed into an international competition. Today the candidates for the national and international recognition come from Basque Country, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Israel, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden.

This competition enables you to:
- benchmark your innovation at the national and international level
- receive feedback from an independent professional body

Benefits of participating in this competition include:
- raising public awareness of your innovation
- help opening new markets
- increasing the innovativeness in your organization
- national and international recognition
Competition structure

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Any innovation or idea can participate in the competition. Participation is easy and is done by filling in a simple submission form. All applications are processed confidentially and only the winning innovations are published. The winners receive international visibility for their innovation. Participating increases the level of innovation activity in staff and helps in developing new ideas and innovations. Every participant receives a short written feedback of their innovation, which further helps refine it.

The innovation must make use of a knowledge-based competitive advantage, whether commercially, with respect to society or for the promotion of well-being, and the form of this advantage can be any of the following:

**Entries**

New information, competence, technology
A new product, technological production process solution or
A new service
A new design or brand
A new business concept, operating concept, value chain/value chain network
A new working method, organisational concept, management concept
A public service implemented in a new way

Even small ideas or innovations are welcome!

The competition is organized by the Laatukeskus Excellence Finland together with local quality associations in the participating countries.

2015 Competition closes for the participants at 16th October!
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