European FinCrime Tech Awards 2026 Entry Form

Welcome to the FinCrime Tech Awards 2026 application

Entry is free and there is no charge at any stage. Please read the following before you begin.

- This form covers ONE category. If you are entering more than one category, up to a maximum of three, please complete the form once for each. You will be asked for your company details each time.
- You will be asked for around 1,700 words in total, including two questions specific to your chosen category. We recommend drafting your answers offline first. The full question list is available to download from the awards website.
- Word counts are firm. Judges are instructed to stop reading at the limit.
- The most heavily weighted question is 2.5, client outcomes. You must include at least one quantified metric and at least one client, which may be anonymised.
- You can save a part-finished entry and return to it later.

Entries close at 23:00 BST on 18 September. No submissions will be accepted beyond that deadline.

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Section 1 - Company and contact details

* 1.1 About your company

Company name	
Trading name, if different	
Headquarters location	
Year founded	
Number of employees	
Website	

* 1.2 Primary contact for this entry

First Name	
Last Name	
Job title	
Email address (please check this carefully - we will use it to confirm your entry)	
Phone number	

Section 2 - The application

Please keep to the stated word counts. Judges are instructed to stop reading at the limit.

* **2.1 Solution or entry name**, as you wish it to appear if you win. (15 words maximum)

* **2.2 Entry summary.** A plain description of the solution being entered and why it deserves to win. This is used in the judging pack and, if you win, read out on the night and used in the press release. (100 words maximum)

* **2.3 The problem and your approach.** What financial crime problem does your solution address, for whom, and how does it solve it? (250 words maximum)

* **2.4 Innovation and differentiation.** What is genuinely new or different here, and how does it differ from the established alternatives? Be specific about the alternatives. (250 words maximum)

* **2.5 Client outcomes and measurable impact.** Evidence the difference this has made at real clients during the eligibility period. You must include at least one quantified metric and at least one client, which may be anonymised by sector, size and jurisdiction. Judges weight this section most heavily. (300 words maximum)

* **2.6a Market Traction - Client and company figures**. Enter a number in each field. If you would prefer not to disclose a figure, type "Not disclosed" - this will not be penalised but could affect the strength of your application.

Live regulated or FI clients - at 1 January 2025

Live regulated or FI clients - at 31 July 2026

Countries with at least one live client - at 1 January 2025

Countries with at least one live client - at 31 July 2026

Number of employees - at 1 January 2025

Number of employees - at 31 July 2026

* **2.6b Market traction - Performance across the eligibility period**, 1 January 2025 to 31 July 2026. If you would prefer not to disclose a figure, type "Not disclosed" - this will not be penalised but could affect the strength of your application.

New clients won

Clients lost

Gross revenue retention (%)

Revenue or ARR growth (%)

Largest client by type (tier 1 bank, mid-tier bank, payments or EMI, crypto, other)

* **2.6c Market traction - Context.** Anything the figures above do not capture: notable named deals, a strategic partnership, a market you deliberately exited. (100 words maximum)

* **2.7 Deployment, integration and usability.** Typical implementation timeline and integration requirements. The daily experience of the analysts and investigators using the product. Which routine tasks a compliance officer can complete without engineering or vendor support, and which they cannot. What typically goes wrong in deployments and how you resolve it. (250 words maximum)

* **2.8 Governance and regulatory alignment.** Explainability, model governance, data protection, auditability, and how clients evidence your solution to their regulators. (150 words maximum)

Section 3 - Category supplementary questions

Select one category. You will then be shown two questions specific to that category.

* **Which category are you entering with this submission?** Please select one. If you wish to enter additional categories, up to a maximum of three, complete this form again for each.

- ◯ 1. Best AML Transaction Monitoring Solution
- ◯ 2. Best Sanctions Screening Solution
- ◯ 3. Best Fraud Detection & Prevention Solution
- ◯ 4. Best Scams & Authorised Push Payment Fraud Solution
- ◯ 5. Best Market Abuse & Trade Surveillance Solution
- ◯ 6. Best eComms Surveillance & Off-Channel Communications Solution
- ◯ 7. Best KYC & Customer Onboarding Solution
- ◯ 8. Best KYB & Corporate Onboarding Solution
- ◯ 9. Best Digital Identity Verification Solution
- ◯ 10. Best Perpetual KYC & Ongoing Monitoring Solution
- ◯ 11. Best PEP & Adverse Media Screening Solution
- ◯ 12. Best Crypto & Digital Asset Compliance Solution
- ◯ 13. Best Financial Crime Data & Intelligence Provider
- ◯ 14. Best Case Management & Investigations Solution
- ◯ 15. Best Use of AI in Financial Crime Compliance
- ◯ 16. Best Financial Crime Tech Deployment of the Year
- ◯ 17. Best Newcomer
- ◯ 18. FinCrime Tech Company of the Year

Section 3 - Best AML Transaction Monitoring Solution

Scope: Solutions that monitor customer transactions for money laundering typologies, generate and prioritise alerts, and support threshold tuning and model validation. Covers both batch and real-time monitoring.

Who should enter: Vendors whose primary or significant product line is transaction monitoring for banks, payment firms, EMIs or other regulated financial institutions.

* 3.1. How does your solution reduce false positive volumes without reducing genuine detection? Describe the mechanism, and what a client can tune themselves without vendor involvement. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Describe your approach to threshold tuning, model validation and tuning documentation, and how clients evidence this to their regulators. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Sanctions Screening Solution

Scope: Solutions for screening customers, counterparties, payments and transactions against sanctions, watchlists and internal lists, including list management and match resolution.

Who should enter: Vendors providing screening engines, list management technology or payment screening capability.

* 3.1. How quickly do list changes and emerging designations propagate through to live screening, and how is this evidenced? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Describe your matching methodology and how clients manage the precision and recall trade-off for their own risk appetite. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Fraud Detection & Prevention Solution

Scope: Solutions detecting and preventing fraud against financial institutions and their customers, including account takeover, first-party and third-party fraud, and behavioural or device-based analytics.

Who should enter: Vendors whose core proposition is fraud detection, prevention or orchestration. Scam and authorised push payment specialists should enter the "Best Scams & Authorised Push Payment Fraud Solution" category

* 3.1. Which fraud typologies does your solution address, and how does it adapt when attack patterns change? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. When your system blocks a legitimate customer, how does the client identify that, correct it, and prevent recurrence? How long does that loop take? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Scams & Authorised Push Payment Fraud Solution

Scope: Solutions specifically addressing scams and authorised push payment fraud, including social engineering detection, payment-moment intervention, mule account detection and reimbursement handling.

Who should enter: Vendors with a dedicated scams or APP fraud capability, including inbound mule detection and Confirmation of Payee style services.

* 3.1. How does your solution intervene at the point of payment to stop a customer authorising a fraudulent transfer, and what proportion of interventions succeed? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How do clients use your solution to meet and evidence reimbursement and consumer protection obligations? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Market Abuse & Trade Surveillance Solution

Scope: Solutions detecting insider dealing, market manipulation, spoofing, layering, wash trading and related abuse across asset classes and venues.

Who should enter: Vendors providing trade surveillance, market abuse detection or cross-product surveillance technology.

* 3.1. Which abuse typologies do you cover, and how do you handle cross-asset, cross-venue and cross-trader correlation? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How do you reduce alert noise while still evidencing complete coverage to a regulator or internal audit? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best eComms Surveillance & Off-Channel Communications Solution

Scope: Solutions capturing, retaining and analysing electronic communications, including email, chat, voice, collaboration platforms and unapproved or off-channel messaging.

Who should enter: Vendors providing communications capture, archiving or surveillance and analytics technology.

* 3.1. Which channels do you capture, and how do you detect or prevent the use of unapproved and off-channel communications? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Describe your language, context and intent detection capability, including performance in non-English languages and on voice. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best KYC & Customer Onboarding Solution

Scope: Solutions for onboarding individual customers, including customer due diligence, risk rating, enhanced due diligence workflow and orchestration.

Who should enter: Vendors providing individual or retail onboarding and CDD technology. Business onboarding should enter the "Best KYB & Corporate Onboarding Solution" category.

* 3.1. What onboarding completion times and abandonment rates do clients achieve, measured against their previous baseline? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How does your solution handle risk-based escalation into enhanced due diligence and ongoing high-risk customer management? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best KYB & Corporate Onboarding Solution

Scope: Solutions for onboarding and verifying businesses, including corporate structure mapping, ultimate beneficial ownership discovery and commercial customer risk assessment.

Who should enter: Vendors providing business verification, UBO or corporate due diligence technology.

* 3.1. How do you discover and verify ultimate beneficial ownership, particularly in jurisdictions with poor or unavailable registry data? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How does your solution handle complex, multi-layered or deliberately opaque corporate structures? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Digital Identity Verification Solution

Scope: Solutions verifying identity through documents, biometrics, liveness detection, data matching or reusable digital identity, including defences against synthetic identity and deepfakes.

Who should enter: Vendors providing identity verification, document authentication or biometric verification technology.

* 3.1. How does your solution detect injection attacks, deepfakes, presentation attacks and synthetic identities? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Provide pass-rate and fraud-capture performance data, including how you test for and mitigate demographic bias. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Perpetual KYC & Ongoing Monitoring Solution

Scope: Solutions replacing or supplementing periodic review with event-driven, continuous customer risk monitoring and automated refresh.

Who should enter: Vendors providing pKYC, customer risk re-rating or automated review technology.

* 3.1. How do you identify, trigger and prioritise event-driven reviews rather than defaulting to periodic refresh cycles? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How do you stop event-driven review generating more work than the periodic refresh it replaces? Describe the prioritisation mechanism. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best PEP & Adverse Media Screening Solution

Scope: Solutions screening for politically exposed persons, adverse media, state ownership and related reputational risk, including entity resolution and relevance scoring.

Who should enter: Vendors providing PEP, adverse media or reputational risk screening technology and data.

* 3.1. Describe your source coverage, language coverage, update frequency and approach to entity resolution. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How do you suppress irrelevant or stale adverse media without creating coverage gaps, and how is that calibration evidenced? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Crypto & Digital Asset Compliance Solution

Scope: Solutions for blockchain analytics, digital asset transaction monitoring, VASP due diligence, Travel Rule compliance and crypto investigation.

Who should enter: Vendors providing blockchain analytics or digital asset compliance technology, including those serving both crypto-native firms and traditional institutions.

* 3.1. Which chains, assets, bridges, mixers and privacy techniques do you cover, and how do you trace value across them? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How do clients use your solution to meet Travel Rule obligations and conduct counterparty VASP due diligence? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Financial Crime Data & Intelligence Provider

Scope: Providers of the underlying data and intelligence that powers financial crime programmes, including registry data, typology intelligence, consortium data and risk indicators.

Who should enter: Data and intelligence providers rather than workflow or detection software vendors.

* 3.1. Describe your data sourcing, coverage, refresh cycles, lineage and quality assurance process. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. How do clients consume your data, and what measurable uplift in detection or efficiency has it delivered? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Case Management & Investigations Solution

Scope: Solutions supporting alert triage, investigation workflow, case building, suspicious activity reporting, quality assurance and audit trail.

Who should enter: Vendors providing case management, investigation or regulatory reporting workflow technology.

* 3.1. How does your solution reduce average investigation handling time or increase analyst throughput? Provide figures. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Describe your audit trail, quality assurance and regulatory reporting capability, including how filings are prepared and evidenced. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Use of AI in Financial Crime Compliance

Scope: Solutions where artificial intelligence, machine learning or agentic systems deliver a demonstrable step change in financial crime detection, investigation or efficiency.

Who should enter: Any vendor with a material AI component, entered on the strength of the AI capability specifically rather than the product overall.

* 3.1. Describe the model architecture, training data provenance and how outputs are made explainable to investigators, auditors and regulators. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. What governance, human-in-the-loop controls, bias testing and model risk management are in place, and what measured performance gain has AI delivered over the previous approach? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Financial Crime Tech Deployment of the Year

Scope: A single named implementation delivered with a financial institution client during the eligibility period, judged on delivery quality and client outcome rather than product features.

Who should enter: Vendors entering on the basis of one specific client deployment. A contactable client reference is mandatory for this category.

* 3.1. Describe the deployment: client type and scale, scope, timeline, integration challenges encountered and how they were resolved. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. What measurable outcomes did the client achieve, and would the client be willing to appear alongside you if you win? (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - Best Newcomer

Scope: Financial crime technology companies founded on or after 1 January 2023, judged on the strength of their proposition and early traction.

Who should enter: Companies incorporated on or after 1 January 2023. Proof of incorporation date required.

* 3.1. What gap in the market did you identify, and how is your approach genuinely different from established providers? (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Beyond the figures declared in questions 2.6a and 2.6b, evidence demand rather than interest: paid pilots converted to contracts, renewals, and how you win against established providers. (200 words maximum)

Section 3 - FinCrime Tech Company of the Year

Scope: The headline award, recognising the financial crime technology company that has made the greatest overall contribution to the sector during the eligibility period, judged on commercial performance, client impact and wider industry contribution.

Who should enter: Established vendors. Companies eligible for Best Newcomer may enter both.

* 3.1. Using the figures declared in questions 2.6a and 2.6b, explain what drove your commercial performance across the period and what it cost you to achieve. (200 words maximum)

* 3.2. Beyond commercial performance, what has been your most significant contribution to the fight against financial crime in this period? (200 words maximum)

Section 4 - Evidence and declarations

4.1 Supporting evidence. Please provide links to up to three supporting documents - case studies, independent benchmarks, client testimonials, analyst reports or product documentation. Marketing brochures are not passed to the judging panel. Links must be publicly accessible or set to open without a login. Alternatively you may email attachments to the awards inbox quoting your company name and category.

Link to document 1

Link to document 2

Link to document 3

* **4.2 Client reference.** One contactable client reference is required in all categories. This is not published and is used by the organiser for verification only.

Client organisation

Contact name

Job title

Email address

* **4.3 Declaration.** I confirm that the information in this entry is accurate, that we have permission to reference any client named in it, and that FinTech Global may use the entry summary in winner announcements and press materials.

- [ ] I confirm the above

Thank you & next steps

Thank you, your application will be completed once you hit the Submit button at the bottom of this page!

- If you are entering another category, please start a new entry using the same link. You may enter up to three categories in total.
- All entries are screened for eligibility, then scored independently by our judging panel against the five published criteria on the website.
- Winners are notified in confidence ahead of the ceremony and formally announced on the night at our awards dinner in London on Thursday, 3 December 2026.
- There is no shortlist. Only winners are announced.
- We are unable to provide feedback on unsuccessful entries.
- If you have any questions about your entry, please contact the awards team at info@fintech.global.