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Sonae's commitment to sustainability internationally acknowledged

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Sonae has been distinguished at the "Edie Sustainability Leaders Awards 2018", held last week in London, for its active sustainability policies and activity reporting. The jury's decision is based on Sonae's Sustainability Report, a document that seeks to present projects implemented in the scope of sustainable development within Sonae's different companies, as well as the main achievements verified as far as its Sustainability Strategy is concerned.

Over the past year, Sonae has supported over a thousand institutions with approximately 10 million euros, offered over a million hours of coaching to collaborators, it has been distinguished as the best company in the world for MBA students, implemented ecoefficiency and environmental projects, committed to innovation, among other initiatives.

Catarina Oliveira Fernandes, head of Communication, Brand and Corporate Responsibility at Sonae, states: "Sustainability is induced in Sonae's attitude and in its mission to create financial and social value in the long run, taking the benefits of progress and innovation to a growing number of people. This distinction is one more way of acknowledging the work we've been developing, with transparency, for the benefit of the community".

The "Edie Sustainability Leaders Awards", created in 2007, are organised by Faversham House, the English publishing company specialised in the field of sustainability and corporate responsibility. The jury acknowledged Sonae in the category of "Sustainability Reporting", alongside companies like Heineken UK, Merchant Cantos and Lloyds Banking Group, PwC, The Crown Estate or Virgin Media.

Second sustainability award for Sonae in a month

This distinction adds to the acknowledgement Sonae had already achieved last December at the

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European Excellence Awards, where it was also a finalist in the category of "Sustainability and Environment" with its Sustainability Report. The project contributed to the redesign of Sonae's corporate website, which included the creation of a tool that allows visitors to generate a personalised Sustainability Report according to their areas of interest.

The European Excellence Awards are an initiative that distinguishes the best communications and public relations projects worldwide. Applications are analysed by a jury composed of 40 experts from around the world, who evaluate the innovation, implementation, strategy and impact of the projects, electing the finalists and the winner in each category.

Read Sonae's Sustainability Report 2016 here**.**