



Press Release

The EDP Awards 2026 edition celebrates innovation, AI and workflow integration across the Print & Packaging industry

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The EDP Awards 2026 once again highlight a clear direction for the print and packaging industry: digital transformation is not slowing down and it is becoming smarter.

This year, 30 winners across all EDP categories showcase the breadth of innovation shaping the industry today — from large format, commercial print and packaging to software, workflow, and finishing.

Across these winners, one trend stands out: automation is no longer just about efficiency. It is evolving into intelligent automation, increasingly driven by AI, capable of interpreting data, guiding operators, and making production workflows more adaptive and resilient. From prepress to production and finishing, solutions are moving beyond isolated tasks to connected, data-driven ecosystems.

At the same time, the economics of digital printing continue to improve. While not all segments have reached full parity with conventional processes, the gap is closing — especially when looking at the entire production floor, where digital and analogue coexistence makes strong economic sense. Reduced waste, faster turnaround times, greater flexibility, and the ability to handle shorter runs and versioning are making digital solutions more viable across a growing number of applications.

What distinguishes this year's winners is not just innovation for its own sake, but practical relevance. The awarded solutions demonstrate how technology can be applied to real production challenges: simplifying workflows, increasing uptime, enabling new applications, and supporting more sustainable operations.

This year, the EDP Awards also recognize the Industry Achievement Award presented to the Open Software Initiative, led by Durst Group, in recognition of its contribution to a more connected and interoperable print industry.

At a time when production environments are increasingly complex, the initiative introduces an API-based approach that enables communication between machines, software, and workflows across vendors. It is not about open source, but about defining a new level of openness — a common language that allows systems to interact more freely, in a way that the PDF standard once did for documents. The platform is

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designed as a neutral and modular ecosystem, allowing print service providers, integrators, and OEMs to streamline workflows without boundaries.

This initiative reflects a broader shift in the industry: from isolated solutions to integrated, data-driven production environments. By opening up its architecture beyond its own hardware, Durst is helping to establish a foundation for more automation, greater flexibility, and increased productivity across the print value chain.

“The 2026 EDP Awards edition shows that the industry is truly committed to digital — it is building its future on it,” concludes **Michael Seidl, EDP Association Vice President**. “Automation is becoming intelligent, AI is becoming usable, and the economics are following. This is where transformation turns into real competitiveness.”

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Congratulations to all the EDP Awards 2026 winners!

The EDP Awards Team

About EDP Association

The European Digital Press (EDP) Association is an independent non-profit organization that represents digital printing companies and professionals across Europe. Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Austria, it serves as a platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, and advocacy for publishers of trade magazines in the digital printing industry.

For more information about the winners please visit <https://edpawards.com/winners-2026/>.

EDP Awards 2026 – Winners

SOFTWARE

Best Color Management Solution	Cortex	ColorBase
Best Technical Workflow Solution	FlowmAlte	Dataline
Best MIS solution	EcoPrint Score	Dataline
Best Automation Solution - tool	Griffin+	Enfocus
Best E-Commerce Solution	OnPrintShop	OnPrintShop Software
Best Software Agent	Nio – AI Suite Assistant	HP
Best Specialty Solution (book, packaging, photo, VDP, etc.)	Myze	Brother

PRINTING SYSTEMS

Large/Wide Format Printing

Best Roll-to-Roll < 170 cm	XpertJet 1681SR PRO	Mutoh
Best Roll-to-Roll < 350 cm	Pro 33r	EFI
Best Flatbed/Hybrid <50 m ² /h	UJ330H-160	Mimaki
Best Flatbed/Hybrid 50-150 m ² /h	Colorado XL	Canon
Best Flatbed/Hybrid 150-400 m ² /h	P5 350 CORE	Durst
Best Flatbed/Hybrid 400 m ² /h	Jeti Bronco H3300 HS	Agfa

Textile Printing

Best Textile Roll-to-Roll < 150 m ² /h	TS330-1800	Mimaki
Best Direct-to-shape - Object printing	UJF-7151 plusII e	Mimaki

Commercial

Best Cutsheet Printer - LEP - Toner - Inkjet – Hybrid Up to B3 < 250.000 A4/month	Pro C5400 Series	Ricoh
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Best Cutsheet Printer - LEP - Toner - Inkjet – Hybrid, Up to B2	varioPRESS iV7	Canon
Web Fed Printer - LEP - Toner - Inkjet – Hybrid < 550 mm web width	Truepress JET 560HDX	Screen

PACKAGING PRINTING

Best Label Printing & Hybrid < 50 m/min - Digital/Hybrid	Indigo 6K+	HP
Best Label Printing & Hybrid > 50 m/min - Digital/Hybrid	Flexjet	BOBST
Best Flexible Packaging - Digital/Hybrid	Truepress PAC 830F	Screen
Corrugated Board - Digital/Hybrid – Multipass	P5 SMP	Durst
Corrugated Board - Digital/Hybrid - Single Pass	Nozomi 1.4-meter and 1.7 meter wide series	EFI

FINISHING & EMBELLISHMENT

Digital Cutting - Knife - Die – Laser

Best Cutsheet	Razar	Vivid Laminating Technologies
Best Wide Format	F1625 Vantage	Summa

AUTOMATION & QUALITY CONTROL

Best Robotics for commercial production	StackStar C	Heidelberg
Best In-Line Quality Control	Verify Inline	Global Vision

INKS & SUBSTRATES

Best UV ink	Pryma LED Entera Inks	Durst
Best Specialty ink	Thalia Inks - UV Food safe inks	BOBST

INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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