



We want to learn from the best again this year! We invite you to present your best business practices and become the Best of the Best 2026. The greatest business practices in the Slovenian business space, bring innovation, motivation and collaboration principles for growth and progress. At AmCham Slovenia, we are therefore proud to highlight, present and reward them.

**Your outstanding teams, projects or initiatives can be presented in the three thematical sets:**

A graphic for 'INNOVATIVENESS' featuring a lightbulb icon above the word 'INNOVATIVENESS' in a bold, yellow, 3D font. Below the word is a yellow rectangular box with a white border.

Innovative products, services, processes or procedures. Innovation culture and strategic promotion of innovation, new business models. Solutions for business, society or the world.

A graphic for 'MOTIVATION' featuring a flame icon above the word 'MOTIVATION' in a bold, red, 3D font. Below the word is a red rectangular box with a white border.

Values, motivation and leadership, education, personal and career growth. Open company culture to entrepreneurs, young and old. Organizational culture.

A graphic for 'COLLABORATION' featuring a network icon above the word 'COLLABORATION' in a bold, blue, 3D font. Below the word is a light blue rectangular box with a white border.

Business-to-business networking / partnerships and international cooperation. Spreading knowledge, experience and optimism throughout the business community.

**Who can apply?**

- A company that is a member of AmCham Slovenia or a company in the Slovenian business community that has a recommendation from a member of AmCham Slovenia.
- A company can apply with one or more projects that are ongoing or have already been completed, locally, nationally or internationally.
- Each company has the opportunity to apply for the program in one (or more) of the thematic sets described above. The company can classify to which thematic group the project belongs.
- Projects that have already been presented as part of the Best of the Best program are not eligible to participate in this program.

**How are the final projects selected?**

Out of all the projects submitted to the call, the AmCham Best of the Best 2026 committee, a group of outstanding individuals and messengers of good business practices, will select nine finalists, three finalists from each set. The AmCham Best of the Best 2026 committee consists of the winners of the Best of the Best program, representatives of AmCham Slovenia, representatives of the AmCham Slovenia Board of Governors, representatives of the YOUng platform and representatives of the Best of the Best 2026 partners.

**What are the evaluation criteria for the selection of the final projects?**

**Innovation and uniqueness of the project.**

**Project as a model of good practices.**

**Project as a harbinger of change.**

**Positive effects of the project on the business and wider environment.**

**Consistency of intentions and goals with project results.**



## How does the selection of the superfinalists work?

The nine finalist projects (three in each thematic category) will be presented through a brief presentation and a discussion with the AmCham Best of the Best 2026 committee. They will be presented to the general public during the designated week for each category (Motivation Week, Collaboration Week, and Innovation Week). During each week of a specific thematic category, individual projects will be presented from Monday through Wednesday. After the final project presentation, voting will open and continue until Friday at 10:00 a.m. The winner of the thematic cluster will be announced at the Best of the Best Talk event on Friday and will thus become a superfinalist for the Best of the Best 2026 Best Practice award. The Best of the Best 2026 Best Practice for each cluster will be determined by the AmCham Best of the Best 2026 committee and digitally cast votes.

The winning Best of the Best 2026 business practice project will be determined by digitally collected votes (voting begins one week before the final event), audience voting at the event, and the votes of the expert committee. The announcement of the best of the best will take place at the closing event, which is scheduled to take place in December 2026.

**Please send your completed APPLICATION FORM for participation in the BEST OF THE BEST 2026 project to [ljubica.mlinar@amcham.si](mailto:ljubica.mlinar@amcham.si). Application deadline: May 29, 2026, by 2:00 p.m.**

## Important dates:

### April 14, 2026

publication of the call for applications and start of the application period

### May 29, 2026

closing of applications

### June 18, 2026

announcement of final projects from individual sets

## Timetable of individual thematic sets

October 5 - October 9, 2026

MOTIVATION WEEK

October 12 - October 16, 2026

INNOVATIVENESS WEEK

October 19 - October 23, 2026

COLLABORATION WEEK

## AWARDS

### FINALISTS

Promotion within the AmCham Slovenia business community and beyond.

Learning course - Good presentation training.

Presentation of final projects in the AmCham year book for the year 2026/2027.

### SUPERFINALIST

Special presentation of the superfinalist projects.

### SPECIAL AWARD FOR THE BEST OF THE BEST

A free annual membership for the PATRON membership category in AmCham Slovenia for the year 2027.

A training session or team-building activity of your choice for the entire winning team, or a round-trip ticket for one participant to join the AmCham business delegation to the U.S. in 2027.