

Press release

Paléo named Best European Festival!

The [European Festival Awards](#) ceremony, held yesterday at the Dutch festival [Eurosonic Noorderslag](#) (ESNS), awarded Paléo Festival with the Best Major Festival Award, its highest distinction. Organised by the European festival association [Yourope](#), the ceremony honours the most outstanding festivals of the year. This prestigious award recognises the care shown by the Paléo community in welcoming audiences, the quality of its programming, and the values upheld by the association. THANK YOU!

A prestigious award recognising the journey so far...

The Best Major Festival Award, reserved for events welcoming more than 40,000 festival-goers per day, rewards “a festival of outstanding quality, both in terms of its line-up and the overall experience offered to the public.” An initial online vote mobilised 300,000 people across Europe, before a professional jury selected the winner among ten finalists. This award therefore represents recognition from both the industry and audiences from near and far. Above all, it celebrates the incredible commitment of the Paléo community: the permanent team, the association’s members, and its 5,400 volunteers.

...and a springboard towards the 50th edition in 2027!

This distinction comes at a particularly meaningful time for the organisation. Alongside the production of the 2026 edition, Paléo is also preparing its 50th anniversary edition in 2027. This award supports the organisation’s ongoing efforts to pursue innovation, creativity and sustainability as it approaches this milestone.

“This Best Major Festival title above all rewards a collective adventure and the exceptional commitment of the entire Paléo community, particularly its volunteers, who bring the Festival to life all year round to offer the public the most beautiful festival possible,” emphasises Daniel Rossellat, President of Paléo Festival Nyon.

A new international distinction

Paléo has been eligible in the “Best Major Festival” category since 2022, following the increase of its capacity to 250,000 festival-goers. In 2025, Paléo also received the Industry Champion Award at the [Arthur Awards](#) for its work in safety, as well as the Community Action Award at the [Greener Festival Awards](#) (2025) for the social impact of its sustainability policy.

Paléo Festival Nyon – Useful resources

- [Official European Festival Awards website](#)
 - [2025 nominees](#)
 - [All Paléo Achievements](#)