

**WINNERS SELECTED FOR THE PEN-CP GLOBAL CUSTOMS  
INNOVATION AWARD GCIA-2022/23**

*Last year PEN-CP, the Pan-European Network of Customs Practitioners, invited Customs Administrations from all over the world to share information on innovations they were developing or had been deploying, to meet customs challenges of all kinds. Now PEN-CP is awarding the Global Customs Innovation Award trophy to a handful of the most promising ideas and impressive solutions.*

**Epalinges, Switzerland** - The PEN-CP Customs Innovation Awards celebrate the most innovative inspirations and solutions devised to meet the countless challenges that Customs administrations currently face. GCIA-2022/23 is the fourth in the series of PEN-CP Customs Innovation Awards, instituted in 2019. From about twenty innovation candidates, the following six were awarded a trophy by a voting panel of PEN-CP Customs officers who represent around ten different Customs agencies. Summaries of GCIA-2022/23 winning submissions will be published later at the PEN-CP website [www.pen-cp.net].

**GCIA-2022/23 Track #1** — Innovative solutions that have already demonstrated their value for customs:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place = **Dubai Customs Administration: Cross Border Blockchain eCommerce**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place = **Australian Border Force: Innovative International Mail System**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place = **South African Revenue Service: SARS Customs Risk Engine**

**GCIA-2022/23 Track #2** — Innovation ideas that have potential to improve customs operations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place = **Dutch Customs Administration: Customs Eye – Connecting the Dots** - An innovative vision on nearby customs operation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place = **National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary: Innovation in the control of border traffic** - the creation of a law enforcement-related embedded/built-in screening system in the control of entry of goods
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place = **South African Revenue Service - Blockchain: Transforming Customs Border Management**

***About PEN-CP:** The Pan-European Network of Customs Practitioners, PEN-CP, is a Customs innovation-boosting network funded by the EU under the Horizon 2020 program, fostering bold new ideas and strengthening ties among innovation-oriented customs officers, throughout Europe and globally. The project focuses on innovations in data and risk management, detection technologies and laboratory equipment, employing a range of innovation and knowledge instruments that include technology grants, challenge competitions, innovation awards and prizes, annual studies and expert reports.*

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