



# Discover the 190 international candidates of the Green Solutions Awards 2020/21

#### **IN SHORT**

Construction21 is now presenting the 190 sustainable projects competing for the Green Solutions Awards 2020-21.

The competing buildings, infrastructures and districts are exemplary: these case studies will be disseminated by Construction21 on a large scale, as they are an inexhaustible source of inspiration, and a great opportunity to discover best practices and innovative solutions on a global scale.

#### Wide mobilisation of the sustainable construction pioneers

This 2021 edition is rich in innovative, exemplary, but also replicable projects that are already paving the way for the cities of tomorrow. The competition counts **192 participants, including 148 buildings, 29 infrastructures, and 15 districts**.

Professionals from all over the world have responded to Construction21's call. **Twenty-five countries** are represented: some "regulars" such as Belgium, China, France, Germany, Morocco, Spain (corresponding to Construction21's platforms), and some unusual (or even new ones) like Benin, Canada, Moldova, Russia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

The candidates provide their peers with a broad overview of global know-how of the sector. They will first compete at a national level, before being confronted for the international final.

All of these exemplary projects can be discovered at any time on <a href="https://www.construction21.org">www.construction21.org</a>. The candidates from other platforms will progressively be translated and published in English.

Journalists, in this competition you will find many great inspiration sources for your next articles. Don't hesitate to reach out to us, as we can put you in touch with some sustainable players, members of our community, for interviews. And they have a lot to share!

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## Towards the selection of the winners



All national winners will be announced by the end of June. Two types of jury reward the competing projects:

The Experts Jury

For each category, specialists in sustainable construction and cities are mobilised to select the best performing projects, and most likely to be replicated on a large scale.

· The online vote by professionals

From the 1st of April to the 31<sup>th</sup> of May, professionals are invited to vote online on the different construction21 websites, in order to designate the Users' Choice winners. <u>VOTE!</u>

## To be continued: Trends in the competition

The candidates, which are numerous and diversified (both geographically and in terms of types) make a valuable panel for **establishing trends in sustainable construction in participating countries**. A detailed analysis of the 2020-21 edition's trends will be published on Construction21 in the coming weeks, in the form on an article.

Regarding the buildings, there are, as in each edition, a strong representation of housing and office buildings. But we also note the participation of more atypical projects such as a **shelter for giraffes**, and **renovations of historical buildings and a castle**. Finally, **construction in hot climates** is highlighted in the competition with 5 projects, located in Sri Lanka, India, and Benin.



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2 questions to Catherine Papillon, Global Head of Sustainable Development & CSR at BNP Paribas Real Estate



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2 questions to... Laurent Germain, Chief executive of EGIS

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Numerous media partners and partner networks relay information about the competition, inviting their readers and members to participate or discover candidates and winners. See the partners



## The Construction21 network, organiser of the competition

These non-profit structures, gathered within the international association Construction21, pilot each national Construction21 portal and coordinate the Green Solutions Awards in their country.







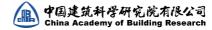












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As the social media for sustainable buildings and cities, <u>Construction21</u> disseminates free information and best practices among key players of the building and city sectors, especially through its three databases dedicated to exemplary <u>buildings</u>, <u>districts</u> and <u>infrastructures</u>.

Construction21 organises the <u>Green Solutions Awards</u>, an international contest aiming to make concrete solutions known among professionals from all over the world, to accelerate transition toward a more sustainable world.

Construction21 is an international network with several national platforms in Europe, China and North Africa, and with a global one in English.

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