

Green Solutions Awards 2020-2021

Rules of the contest – INFRASTRUCTURES

Conditions to apply

- All the users with a registered Construction21 account are allowed to participate.
- The case studies entering the contest must present high energy and environmental performance and provide innovation in terms of sustainable development and fight against climate change in the industry of sustainable construction and cities.
- All types of infrastructures may enter the contest if they are **delivered between 1st of January 2015 and 31st of March 2021**.
- The presented infrastructures and their solutions should be reproducible in other places.
- In the case studies entering the contest:
 - All the mandatory fields must be filled in.
 - The choice of the category in which you compete must be justified in the field provided for this purpose.
 - All the fields specific to the chosen category for the candidacy (cf here-below) must be filled in.
 - **A project may apply in different categories** (except for buildings in France. Because of the high number of applicants, each building should apply in one category and only one).
 - The application for the Users' Choice and for the Students' Prize is automatic.
- The winners/mentions of former editions are not allowed to participate again with the same project (but the authors are of course allowed to submit several projects).
- Infrastructures participating in the contest, and any item or solution mentioned in the case study, must be able to be filmed on site in case of winning candidacy.
- If the information on the case studies is incorrect or false, if it does not correspond to the reality of the project, the organiser reserves the right to downgrade the originally nominees.
- The jury may decide not to award any prize for one category in case of insufficient quality of the applicants.
- If one of the here-above conditions is not fulfilled, the organiser reserves the right to cancel the participation of the candidate concerned, who will have no recourse.

Main steps of the Green Solutions Awards 2020-21

- September 21, 2020: Opening of online registrations
- March 15, 2021: Closing of applications
- April to June 2021: Online votes
- June 2021: Announcement of the national winners
- November or December 2021: Winner's gala in Glasgow during COP26

Evaluation criteria

The jury will evaluate the applicants according to the global amount and quality of the information provided and, more specifically, to the following criteria:

- **Sustainability:** Do the project and its performances take environmental and social factors in consideration, in regard of sustainable development? Do they favour adaptation to climate change?
- **Replicability:** how easy is it to replicate the solutions implemented in this realisation (process, technology)? Does this project open new trends, new ways of building/developing cities or infrastructures?
- **Cost:** was this realisation done at a very expensive cost or at the standard cost of the market?
- **Innovation:** something in this realisation (a solution, the global approach a combination of solutions...) is really new and innovative.

Mandatory fields for INFRASTRUCTURE category

This Construction21 database and the related Awards cover the following 6 areas:



Green energies



Circular economy & waste recycling



Digital services



Water cycle



Responsible mobility



Biodiversity & ecosystems

The infrastructures entering the contest may be a product, an installation, a service or a solution which contributes to reduce GHG emissions or energy consumptions and, more generally, to a more sustainable world. The project described in the case study may be an autonomous object or linked to an eco-district.

Mandatory fields:

- Category (one at least)
- Progress
- Total cost
- Project builder / project manager

- At least one solution

Non-mandatory fields, but taken into account by the jury

- CO₂ emissions and calculation method
- More info about the way this infrastructure contributes to sustainable development goals



Infrastructure Grand Prize

This category awards an infrastructure with an outstanding approach in its global eco-responsible action, with innovative and performing solutions in several dimensions of sustainable development.



Users' choice Award (national only)

The users' choice award is dedicated to the infrastructure that received the highest amount of votes from Internet users on its Construction21 platform. Case studies directly published on the international platform will benefit from a "other-countries" vote.

Right of distribution

By applying to the Green Solutions Awards 2020-2021, candidates give the right to Construction21 AISBL, its organising chapters of the competition in each country, and to all partners and sponsors, to use all pictures and information published in the case studies in their online and offline communication actions.

Registration fees

Free competition.

The only exception is for projects that are located in China: participation fees are required to be heard by the Chinese jurors. Contact Maolin Liu [liumaolincabr\[at\]126.com](mailto:liumaolincabr[at]126.com) for more information about the price.