Call for Entries

The European Convention for Constructional Steelwork invites its members to submit their projects for the European Steel Design Awards 2021.

The European Steel Design Awards (ESDA) are given by ECCS every two years to encourage creative and outstanding use of steel in architecture and construction in Europe.

The awards are dedicated to the owner, the general contractor, the architects, the engineers and the steelwork contractors of each project. An ECCS International Jury will select the projects to be awarded in all categories, except for the Public Award, which will be selected by public vote online.

Key dates

Last date for entry submission: by 30 April 2021
(For students: by 17 June 2021)
Announcement of the decision of International Jury: by 1 June 2021
Press release: end of June 2021
Power point Presentations and additional files: by 15 July 2021
Awards Ceremony: September 2021 in Paris

European Student Steel Design Awards 2021

The European Student Steel Design Awards are augmenting the European Steel Design Awards. The objective is to give European recognition to outstanding student design projects using structural steel as a prominent feature. The Awards are open to all ECCS Member Associations, which are encouraged to organise contests for students in architecture and engineering in their respective countries.

The European Student Steel Design Awards will be presented within the European awards ceremony. Key data and procedures are similar to the European Steel Design Awards. Detailed entry conditions and forms will be published on ECCS website by March 2021.
Regulations

1. OPERATION OF THE AWARDS

The European Steel Design Awards are open to steel works designed or produced in the ECCS member countries. There can be submitted up to three projects by each Member.

Steel construction projects located outside the member country are eligible, if they have been designed or produced by an ECCS member (National Association). Both new buildings or bridges, and renovation projects (major retrofit, expansion or rehabilitation) are eligible.

In case of those partners of the project (project owner, general contractor, architectural firm, structural engineering firm and fabricators) are from different member countries, and several members submit the same project, the nomination will be considered as one.

The building or construction must have been completed and be ready for occupation or use since 2019 and not later than 31 May 2021.

2. JURY AND EVALUATION

The ESDA jury 2021:

- Representative of the hosting member,
- Veronique DEHAN, ECCS secretary general
- Annamarie HAGOORT, chairwoman of the ECCS Architectural Awards Committee
- Bernhard HAUKE, chairman of the ECCS Promotion Management Board
- Architect from hosting nation
- Engineer from hosting nation
- International representative
- International representative

The chair of the jury is elected by its members.

Entries are to be evaluated within four phases.

Phase-1. The National Associations assesses the entries in their countries in accordance with the following criteria, in order to select the best entries, which will be submitted to ECCS:

- Architectural design
- Structural engineering
- Fabrication and erection
- Sustainability
- Example for structural steel in construction

Phase-2. The ECCS Awards and Architecture Committee approves the entries according to their compliance with the European Steel Design Awards submittal requirements and criteria.

Phase-3. The ECCS International Jury evaluates the entries, according to criteria stated above. The Jury’s tasks are to:

- Select one winner from each nation to receive the European Steel Design Awards.
- Select the overall winner to receive the European Steel Design Award – Laureate.
- Select projects for the Special Awards (this year at least Bridges).
- Select projects for public voting.

Phase-4. The Public Award winner will be determined by public voting online.
3. LIABILITIES OF FULL MEMBERS

ECCS Members asked to

- Share the Call for entries according to the ECCS criteria with their national member participants,
- Assess the entries regarding European Steel Design Awards procedure;
- Establish a national jury (if possible) composed of representatives from Architecture and Engineering in order to select the best projects nationally;
- Submit up to 3 projects to ECCS (online), and 1 additional project in cooperation with their Independent Promotion Organisation (IPO);
- Submit up to 3 student projects for the European Student Steel Design Awards. Members are encouraged to invite and bring the nominated students to the awards ceremony;
- Invite the winning teams to the European Steel Design Awards ceremony;
- Provide photos, drawings, information and descriptions according to the template, including permissions (CTA);
- Disseminate the press information on national level and inform your national stakeholders (linking to the ECCS website)

European IPOs without ECCS full member representative may also submit up to 3 projects to ECCS, for a fee of 450 € per project.

4. AWARDS

Nominees may be awarded a European Steel Design Award, or The European Steel Design Award - Laureate as overall winner. In addition, they may be awarded a Special Award and the Public Award.

ESDA: The best project from each member country is presented as the ‘European Steel Design Award’, if it lives up to the standards set in these regulations.

The ESDA- Laureate: Out of the ESDAs winners, one project will be selected as overall winner and awarded The European Steel Design Award - 2021 Laureate.

Public Award: Out of the selected projects, one project will be determined by online voting on the ECCS facebook page.

Special Awards: In addition, ESDA Jury may award Special Award(s), such as;

- Sustainability
- Façade & Surfaces (with steel structures)
- Bridges
- High-rise / tall buildings or towers

4.1 Prizes

- The European Steel Design Award – Laureate winning Team receives a Trophy and Diplomas for each representative.
- Winners of the European Steel Design Awards receive Diplomas for each representative.
- Winners of the European Steel Design Public Award receive Diplomas for each representative.
- Winners of the European Steel Design Special Awards receive Diplomas for each representative.

The Awards will be presented during a ceremony within the ECCS Annual Meetings, to be held in Paris in September 2021.

5. TIME-TABLE

- Dissemination of the Call for Entries in November 2020;
- Announcement of national and international jury members via ECCS website by end of January 2021
- Submission / uploading of the national nominees with template and figures (photos and drawings), online on https://www.steelconstruct.com/collaborative-area/ by 30 April 2021
- Evaluation of entries by the ESDA jury by 1 June 2021
- Official information by ECCS and national associations about the ESDA-Country nominations end of June 2021
- European Steel Design Awards Ceremony held in Paris, France, on September 2021 within the ECCS Annual General Meetings.
6. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Entries can be submitted to National Member Associations (NAMs) by architects, engineering firms, fabricators, clients, or other interested parties, or nominated by the national jury. Entries may also be proposed to the NAMs by the local IPO. The entries will be submitted to ECCS by NAMs in order to comply with the regulations of the awards or must be approved by the respective NAM.

7. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The application scheme will be online by 1 March 2021 on www.steelconstruct.com. The documents are to be uploaded at https://www.steelconstruct.com/collaborative-area/ by 30 April 2021.

The submission must contain:

- Entry form with key information and structured description
- High-resolution photos and drawings
- Copyright transfer agreement (CTA)

These documents are for publication in context of the ESDA by ECCS, NAMs and the press and must therefore be of best quality and include CTAs.

7.1 - PowerPoint or PDF Presentation

PowerPoint and PDF presentations or film clips to be used during the Awards Ceremony must be uploaded by 15 July 2021 together with additional material that may be included within the press package. Power point/videos are limited to 3 minutes maximum. It is recommended to include musical background since it will be used during the Awards Ceremony.

8. CONTACT

For further information regarding nominations etc., please contact the ECCS Architectural Awards Committee Chairwoman, Ms. Annamarie HAGOORT (annamarie@bouwenmetstaal.nl)

For further information regarding the Awards Ceremony, contact the ECCS Secretary General, Ms. Véronique DEHAN (eccs@steelconstruct.com)