



## *Call for Entries*

**The European Convention for Constructional Steelwork (ECCS) invites its members to submit their projects for the European Steel Bridge Awards 2024.**

The European Steel Bridge Awards are given by ECCS every two years to encourage the creative and outstanding use of steel in construction of bridges.

The objective is to give European recognition to steel and composite bridges emphasizing the various advantages of steel in construction, production, economy, sustainability, and architecture, and to attract the interest of clients, architects and engineers in using more steel within the bridge construction sector, thereby making the steel industry more competitive.

The Awards are open to steel and composite bridges of which steel structures were designed or fabricated in the ECCS Full Member countries primarily. If the project is multinational, it can also be submitted in accordance with the submission procedure stated on the following pages.

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

The awards are dedicated to the owner, general contractor, the architects, the engineers and the steelwork contractors of each outstanding steel bridge project submitted from ECCS Full Member countries and international contestants in order to esteem their collaboration and the excellence of their work. The national member is responsible for the approval of each submitted entry to indicate that it complies with the regulations of the Awards.

An ECCS International Jury will select the projects to be awarded.

### **Key dates:**

<b>Last date for entry submission:</b>	<b>by 30 April 2024</b>
Evaluation by International Jury:	by 15 June 2024
Press release:	by 30 June 2024
<b>Awards Ceremony:</b>	<b>12 September 2024</b> in Prague

The detailed submission rules are available in the following pages. The required entry form is annexed to this call or can be sent on request to [francis.grogna@steelconstruct.com](mailto:francis.grogna@steelconstruct.com).



## Regulations

### 1. Operation of the awards

The European Steel Bridge Awards are open to steel and composite bridges of which steel structures were designed or fabricated in the ECCS Full Member countries. There can be submitted up to three projects by each Member. If the project is multinational, it can also be submitted in accordance with the submission procedure stated on the following paragraphs.

Steel bridge projects located outside the member country are eligible if they have been designed or fabricated by a member of an ECCS Full Member.

In cases where the partners of the project (project owner, general contractor, architectural firm, structural engineering firm and fabricators) are from different countries:

- If some partners are from an ECCS Full Member country and others are from non-member country, the Full Member may apply.
- If they are from different ECCS Full Member countries:
  - The Full Members may submit the entry together;
  - One of Full Members may submit in coordination with the others;
  - Should it be disagreed, the fabricator of the project will select the submitting Full Member.

The construction must have been completed and be ready for use **between June 2021 and May 2024**.

### 2. Jury and Evaluation

The Jury consists of the following seven members:

- Pavel RYJACEK, Chairman of the ECCS Bridge Committee, and representative of the hosting member;

- Annamarie HAGOORT, Chairwoman of the ECCS Architectural Awards Committee;
- Bernhard HAUKE, Chairman of the ECCS Promotion Management Board;
- One architect from hosting nation;
- One engineer from hosting nation;
- Two international representatives.

The chair of the jury is elected by its members.

The Jury selects award winners after assessing all project applications against the following criteria:

- To have **an international** recognised standard.
- To be of **outstanding quality** in its architecture, structure and construction.
- To interest clients, architects and engineers in using more steel within the entire steel construction sector, thereby making the **steel industry competitive**.
- To emphasize the **advantages of steel** in construction, production, economy and architecture.
- To adhere to the principles of **sustainability** and quality of the steel bridges.
- To disseminate the **knowledge of steel** and its many-sides uses and to draw attention on its development.
- To **improve the image** of steel.

The Jury's tasks are to:

- Select one winner per category to receive the **European Steel Bridge Award – Laureate**.
- Select projects for the **Special Awards**.

### 3. Responsibilities of ECCS Full Members

ECCS Full Members are asked to:

- **Call for entries** from their national / member participants according to the ECCS criteria.



- **Approve the entries** that comply with the regulations of the Awards.
- **Provide** photos, drawings, information and descriptions according to the template provided, as well as permissions (Copyright Transfer Agreement) to ECCS (only via email or [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)).
- **Invite** nominated teams to the European Steel Bridge Awards Ceremony.
- **Disseminate** promotional publications and press-releases on a national level (linking to the ECCS website for example).

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

Two main categories of bridges will be awarded:

1. Road / Railway bridges
2. Cycle / Pedestrian bridges

In addition, the jury may award Special Awards, such as:

- Sustainable bridges (e.g. low maintenance, low life cycle cost),
- Concepts such as floating bridges,
- Refurbishment of an existing bridges (major retrofit, expansion or rehabilitation or partial replacement) using steel,
- Creative design and realisation.

Entries, which have received a category award, may also be selected to receive a special award.

An entry may receive more than one special award should jury decide so.

The Awards will be presented during a ceremony specially organized by ECCS and the local NAM in September 2024.

#### Prizes

- The **European Steel Bridge Award – Laureate** winning teams receive a Trophy and Diplomas.
- Winners of the **European Steel Bridge Special Awards** receive Diplomas.

The Awards will be presented in Prague on **12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, during a ceremony held in the frame of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium On Steel Bridges 2024 and the ECCS Annual Meetings.

#### 5. Time-table

- Dissemination of the ESBA 2024 Call for Entries by the **end of December 2023**.
- Communication of the entry forms, high-resolution pictures and drawings, and copyright transfer agreement to ECCS (only via email or [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)) by the **30 April 2024**.
- Evaluation of entries by the ECCS International Jury by **15 June 2024**.
- Official information by ECCS and National Associations related to the nominated entries by the **end of June 2024**.
- For the ceremony and the publication, presentations and documentation must be communicated by **15 July 2024**.
- ECCS Steel Bridges Awards Ceremony on **12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

#### 6. Submission of Entries

Entries can be submitted to the ECCS National Member Associations (NAMs) by either architect, engineering firms, fabricators, clients or other interested parties, or the national jury itself.

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.

The Full Members are entitled to approve and communicate up to three entries to ECCS.

### 7. Submittal Requirements

The application scheme will be online by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 on [www.steelconstruct.com](http://www.steelconstruct.com).

The documents are to be communicated via email or [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) by **30 April 2024**.

The submission must contain:

- The ad hoc Entry Form, containing key information, structured description and technical data;
- High-resolution photographs<sup>1</sup> and design drawings<sup>2</sup>.
- The Copyright transfer agreement (CTA).

These documents are for publication in context of the ESBA 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 delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 together with additional material that may be included within the press package.

PowerPoint and videos are limited to 3 minutes maximum.

It is recommended to include musical background since it will be used during the Awards Ceremony.

It is also recommended not to include links to videos in the PowerPoint presentations but increment the videos.

### 8. CONTACT

For questions related to these ESBA 2024 regulations please contact :

Véronique DEHAN, ECCS Secretary General  
([eccs@steelconstruct.com](mailto:eccs@steelconstruct.com))

Please send your submission file (entry form + high resolution photos and drawings + Copyright Transfer Agreement) to

Francis Grogna, ECCS Financial Manager  
([francis.grogna@steelconstruct.com](mailto:francis.grogna@steelconstruct.com))

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Minimum 300 dpi resolution, format 16x24, .eps, .jpg or .tif

<sup>2</sup> 600 dpi, .eps or vectorised .pdf (or .dxf), black/white; without description and measure layer