



Call for Entries

The European Convention for Constructional Steelwork invites the ECCS National Associations and their members to submit their projects for the European Steel Design Awards 2025.

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.

In the frame of the ESDA, specific Student Awards are also given to recognized outstanding student architectural or engineering & research projects using structural steel as a prominent feature. The ESDA - Student Awards are open to all ECCS Full Member Associations, which are encouraged to organise contests for students in architecture and engineering in their respective countries. Key data and procedures are similar to the European Steel Design Awards.

An ECCS International Jury will select the projects, except for the Public Award, which will be selected by online public vote.

The European Steel Design Awards and the ESDA - Student Awards will be presented within the European Steel Design Awards Ceremony.

Key dates

Last date for entry submission:	by 30 April 2025
Evaluation by International Jury:	by 15 June 2025
Press release:	by 30 June 2025
Awards Ceremony:	October 2025 in Istanbul

The detailed submission rules are available in the following pages. The required entry form and Copyright Transfer Agreement (CTA) form are annexed to this call or can be sent on request to francis.grogna@steelconstruct.com.

Regulations

1. OPERATION OF THE AWARDS

The European Steel Design Awards are open to steel works designed or produced in the ECCS Full 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 Full Member (National Association).

Both new buildings or bridges, and renovation projects (major retrofit, expansion or rehabilitation) are eligible.

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

- If several members submit the same project, the nomination will be considered as one.
- If some partners are from an ECCS Full Member country and others are from non-member countries, the Full Member may apply.
- If the partners 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 building or construction must have been completed and be ready for occupation or use **between June 2022 and May 2025**.

2. JURY AND EVALUATION

The ESDA Jury consists of :

- Veronique DEHAN, ECCS Secretary General,

- Christian FLERTMANN, Chairman of the ECCS Architectural Awards Committee,
- Annamarie HAGOORT, Chairwoman of the ECCS Promotion Management Board,
- One representative of the Award Ceremony hosting country member,
- One architect from hosting nation,
- One engineer from hosting nation,
- Two international representatives.

The chair of the jury is elected by its members.

Entries are to be evaluated within four phases:

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

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

Phase-2. The ECCS Architectural Awards 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**.

Phase-4. The Public Award winner will be determined by public voting online.

3. LIABILITIES OF FULL MEMBERS

ECCS Full Members are asked to:

- **Call for entries** from their national / member participants according to the ECCS criteria.
- **Assess the entries** regarding the 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 **three projects** to ECCS.
- Submit up to **three student projects** for the **European Student Steel Design Awards**. Full 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 provided, as well as permissions (Copyright Transfer Agreement);
- **Disseminate** the press information on national level and inform their national stakeholders (linking to the ECCS website for example).

European Independent Promotional Organisations (IPOs) without ECCS Full Member representative may also submit up to three 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 Full 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 the overall winner and awarded **The European Steel Design Award - 2025 Laureate** prize.

Public Award:

Out of the selected projects, one project will be determined by online voting.

Special Awards:

In addition, the ESDA Jury may award Special Award(s) relating to i.a.:

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

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 in Istanbul **mid October 2025**, during a ceremony held in the frame of the ECCS Annual Meetings and Conference.

5. TIME-TABLE

- December 2024 : Dissemination of the **Call for Entries**;
- By **30 April 2025**: Communication of the entry forms, high-resolution pictures and drawings, and copyright transfer agreement to ECCS (only via email or www.wetransfer.com);

- By **15 June 2025**: Evaluation of entries by the ESDA jury.
- By **end of June 2025**: Official information by ECCS and national associations about the ESDA-Country nominations.
- By **31st August 2025**: Delivery of the winners' PowerPoint and video presentations to ECCS.
- **October 2025**: European Steel Design Awards Ceremony held in Istanbul.

6. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Entries can be submitted to the ECCS National Member Associations (NAMs) by architects, engineering firms, fabricators, clients, IPOs or other interested parties, or nominated by the national jury. In any case, all projects must be approved and submitted by the NAMs to ECCS.

7. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The application scheme will be online by 1st March 2025 on www.steelconstruct.com.

The documents are to be communicated via email or www.wetransfer.com by **30 April 2025**.

The submission must contain:

- The ad hoc Entry Form, containing key information, structured description and technical data;
- High-resolution photographs¹ and design drawings².
- The 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 delivered by 31st August 2025 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 ESDA 2025 regulations please contact

Véronique DEHAN, ECCS Secretary General
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Please **send your submission files** (entry form + high resolution photos and drawings + Copyright Transfer Agreement) to

Francis Grogna, ECCS Financial Manager
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Thank you and good luck !

¹ Minimum 300 dpi resolution, format 16x24, .eps, .jpg or .tif

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