

*Corporate, national and individual awarding*  
**RESPONSIBLE TOWARDS WATER – WORLDWIDE**

*Water resources are a natural and a public good, lifeblood for all living beings, and a necessary medium for society. The water footprint becomes an increasingly important part of a successful economy and industries. Companies are not only water consumers or water pollutants, but more and more a source and a hatchery of new technologies for water supply, water-treatment and water re-use. Often, their innovative solutions and good practices in the field of environment are not exploited well enough. The solutions that improve their attitude towards water resources, water environment and water use are important part of the new industrial revolution in times when water is becoming the most important strategic natural resource.*

*We seek new trends in a different understanding of water: water environments, different solutions that consider the entire water cycle and improve the quality of life in the future, and at the same time preserve the water environment. We, together with ministries of participating countries, would like to discover and award your innovative ideas in the field of water use and sustainable use of water resources, and consequently improve the water footprint.*

*This year we will award the best water projects for the fourth time in a row (you can view the earlier awardees on our website: <http://bledwf.com>). The goal of the awards is to create a consortium/pool from the mentioned categories that will present water-related solutions from around the globe thus putting their mark on improving the quality of life and transition to green economy across the world. The entire water cycle with all the relevant participants - governments, educational systems, private sector, experts, civil society - are included. The applicants are gathered in our pool of projects, ideas and innovations that to be connected with suitable recipients. The ambition of the Bled Water Festival is to become a one-stop water platform where everything connected with water will be happening. The pool has been building for 4 years now, and in 2020 it will be officially announced. Until then, please feel invited to join with your great innovations, ideas and projects.*

*Bled Water Festival has become the leading water platform in the field of finding innovations, creating new regulators and providing solutions. In long term, we will create the system for financing awarded projects.*

*You are kindly invited to be part of the revolutionary project that changes our world for the better.*

*Conditions for applying*

Who can apply:

1. Micro, small, medium and large sized enterprises from all around the world that provide services, products and solutions connected with improving the quality of water resources and reduced water use that also raise quality of life and consider the entire water cycle. Developmental solutions based on the inclusion of Green and Blue infrastructure. Please attach what you have achieved in recent years in the field of development, connected with water (minor water use, recycling, etc.)
2. National projects that include examples of good practice (living with water, industry, nature and people), developmental solutions based on the inclusion of Green and Blue infrastructure.
3. Individual projects (natural persons), associations, institutes (non-governmental organizations) that provide services, products and solutions connected with improving the quality of water resources and reduced water use that also raise quality of life and consider the entire water cycle. Developmental solutions based on the inclusion of Green and Blue infrastructure.

Participating countries:

Worldwide

Partners of the project:

Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia), Ministry of Environment and Energy (Croatia), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (Serbia).

The awarding:

25<sup>th</sup> of April 2019: call for applications

7<sup>th</sup> of June 2019: deadline for applications

12<sup>th</sup> of June 2019: the announcement of the regional winner in each category

1<sup>st</sup> place awards: Responsible towards Water (for each category)

BWF and ministries award (you can view the award on our website) + inclusion to the international consortium

Jury:

The jury will be appointed by 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. The 3/5-member jury will be appointed by the ministries of the participating countries.

The application forms can be filled out on our website:

<http://bledwf.com/> - TENDERS

Application fee: free of charge

Conditions and instructions for cooperation:

- Participation is possible by everyone who has no outstanding financial obligations towards their state
- The winners from past years cannot apply with the same project awarded by the Bled Water Festival
- In the case of incomplete application, you will be invited to complete it.
- In four days after the confirmation of your application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail stating that your application is received. With this confirmation, you are included in the competition part.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 all participants will receive an e-mail with the shortlist of winners.
- The organizer does not cover any expenses related to the award receiving or similar.
- The nominees are obliged to come to the award ceremony or send someone to take the award on their behalf on 14<sup>th</sup> of June in Bled (Slovenia).
- If the award shall be sent via post, the addressee (winner) covers the shipping costs.
- According to the previous agreement, the organization Bled Water Festival can enable a presentation of the products/services of all nominees at the location (free of charge). However, please consider that there are some spatial and fitting limitations due to which certain presentations cannot be realized.
- All winners are obliged to cooperate further with the Bled Water Festival platform at their best (the winners will be invited to round tables, lectures, solving problems with their solutions, etc.)
- After your application, the organizer has the right to publish all data, which can be found under »public announcement« in the application form.
- A video clip or photo material of your products/services is welcome (they can be delivered to our e-mail address or via wetransfer.com). All material will be publicly available.
- If the data, photo/video material is confidential, please state that the material is confidential; the organization Bled Water Festival will consider them as such.
- The organizer has the right to increase the number of the jury members if there will be more applicants than planned.
- If you state the size of your company incorrectly, you will be disqualified.
- If the finalists would like to attend the Bled Water Festival for 2 days, our organization can provide the all-access accreditation. In this case, please inform us until 1.6.2019 (24:00 CET).
- The award does not present any financial compensation. The award will be received in physical form (you can view it at our website mentioned above), the award ensures the inclusion to consortium as well.
- For any further information, please send your inquiry to [info@bledwf.com](mailto:info@bledwf.com).

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:

Preserving the water environment – 20 points

Innovation/difference – 20 points

Regarding the water cycle and cycle economy – 15 points

Good use – 15 points

Improving the quality of life – 10 points

Improving people's habits - 10 points

Utilization of water resources – 5 points

Attitude towards water resources and water environment – 5 points

TOTAL: 100 points

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