



Corporate, national and individual awarding RESPONSIBLE TOWARDS WATER - regional

Water sources are natural and public good, lifeblood for all living beings, including a human, and a necessary medium for society. The water footprint becomes more and more important part of a successful economy and industry that is environmentally sustainable. Industries and companies are not only water consumers, or even less only pollutants with its waste water, but more and more a source and a hatchery of new environment technologies for water supply as well as water re-use and cleaning. Although the companies are very innovative and have good practices in the field of environment, this is often not enough exploited. The solutions that improve their attitude towards water sources, water environment and water use, are important part of a new industrial revolution in the time as the water becomes the most important strategic raw material.

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



Conditions of the Application

Who can apply:

1. Micro, small, medium and large sized enterprises that provide services, products and solutions connected with improving the quality of water sources 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 sources 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:

Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Austria

Partners of the project:

Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia), Ministry of Environment and Energy (Croatia), Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection (Serbia)

The awarding:

- 18.4.2017 invitation for applying
- 25.5.2017 the last day for applying
- 5.6.2017 the announcement of three winners in each category from each country
- 16.6.2017 the announcement of the regional winner in each category

1st place awards: Responsible towards water (for each category)
BWF and ministries award (you can observe the award on our website)

Jury:

The jury will be appointed until 15. 5. 2017. The 3-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/#voda>

Application fee: free of charge



Conditions and instructions for cooperation:

- 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 to the competition part.
- On 5.6.2017 all participants will receive an e-mail with the shortlist of winners
- We will choose three nominees from each category and invite them to Bled (16.6.2017 – Friday).
- 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 16.6.2017 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.
- 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 8.6.2017 (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).
- For any further information, please send your inquiry to info@bledwf.com.

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CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION:

Preserving the water environment – 20 points

Innovation/difference – 20 points

Regarding the water cycle – 15 points

Good use – 15 points

Improving the quality of life – 10 points

Improving peoples 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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