



Balthasar Neumann Award 2021

European Prize for Architecture and Engineering

Call for Submission

The Balthasar Neumann Award is sponsored by the German architecture trade journal DBZ and the Association of German Master Builders, Architects, and Engineers (BDB), Berlin. It is presented every two years and was first awarded in 1994. The Balthasar Neumann Award carries a value of 10,000 €.

The award recognizes how different disciplines have cooperated in an exemplary and innovative manner and far exceeding established engineering standards, to construct a building, which, as a result of this cooperation, exhibits extraordinary qualities in terms of architecture and engineering – entirely in line with Balthasar Neumann's intentions.

Such cooperation, however, refers not only to architects and structural planners collaborating as equal partners in the execution of building construction or traffic route engineering projects, but also to the cooperation between architects and planning engineers from different disciplines. In order to ensure a concept of optimized energy efficiency, the focus is particularly on the collaboration with building infrastructure engineers. Overall, the parameters of sustainable construction have to be met. Hence, apart from the sociocultural requirements of the given project, also technical aspects such as the consumption of energy and other resources have to be illustrated throughout the entire life cycle.

The quality achieved through planning the submitted project as equal partners, defined as integrated and integral processes, must be comprehensible and easy to perceive. The prize celebrates the fruitful cooperation of architecture, structure, and energy / sustainability and is awarded to the planners from these three areas as well as to the developer of the winning project.

Participation

Architects and engineers are likewise eligible to submit entries, provided that they explicitly mention the planners whose involvement was vital to the exceptional collaboration resulting in the construction of the project submitted. In addition, the name of the client must be given.

Only architects and engineers with offices in Europe are eligible for participation. The building submitted as a project, however, can be located either in a European or a non-European country. Completion of the works may not date back longer than two years.

Adequate illustrations of the building in the form of floor plans, section views, and photos (it is not allowed to submit renderings instead of photos) have to be provided for a better understanding of the project and cooperation under evaluation. We expressly welcome the submission of further images or drawings allowing for an enhanced and clearer comprehension of the construction, the structure, and the energy / sustainability concept.

The submission of the work takes place via a project data form exclusively online at www.balthasar-neumann-preis.de. The work should be presented on up to four sheets in DIN A3 format (PDF, 300 dpi). These should document the project clearly and in detail in the form of plans, drawings and photos.

In addition to the documentation of the submitted project, an explanatory report (PDF/doc, max. 600 words, German or English) with the most important information on the topics of architecture, structure, integral planning, energy / sustainability concept and any special features must be included.

In addition, the completed and signed author's declaration including the declaration of consent of the building owner and photographer is required as a pdf-upload.

The award documents, the project data form and the author's declaration are available at: www.balthasar-neumann-preis.de.

In individual cases and in order to assess works submitted, the organizer reserves the right to request specific expert opinions or reports as part of a preliminary evaluation.

The decisions of the jury are final; any recourse to legal action is excluded.

Publication

Participants confirm that they are the author of the submitted works. They acknowledge and agree that the works submitted may be published print and digital as part of competition reports, without allowing participants to assert any claims for remuneration or other. The right of publication without claims of fees is especially also valid for the submitted photos / drawings. Prize winners and recognitions declare their willingness to provide the organizers with further documentation and presentation of their work on request. There is no legal claim to publication. Copyright and the right to publication outside of the purposes of this competition remain with the participants.

Jury

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Submission deadline

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Jury meeting

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Award Ceremony

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