



European Architectural Medals

Best Diploma Projects **2015**

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ABOUT

EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL MEDALS FOR THE BEST DIPLOMA PROJECTS is an annual European competition that awards excellence in crossing the threshold from education to profession.

ORGANIZERS

The organizers of the competition are:

University of Architecture and Urbanism Ion Mincu (UAUIM) is a public university with a continuity of 123 years of excellence in architectural education. Having three faculties: Architecture, Interior Architecture and Urbanism and a Postgraduate School, it provides higher education in architecture and contributes with valuable research.

European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) is a non-profit organization committed to promoting the exchange of ideas and people within the field of architectural education and research throughout Europe. The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the representative organization for the architectural profession at European level. Its membership consists of 46 regulatory and professional representative bodies from 32 European states. Through them, the ACE represents the interests of over 565.000 architects.

The organizers, UAUIM together with EAAE and ACE seek to acknowledge the BEST DIPLOMA PROJECT in architecture, and to recognize the highest level of design knowledge and skill employed in addressing three influential themes of architectural design:

- problematic approach (intensity in problem seizing/solving)
- social and climate impact (responsibility and resilience)
- innovative response (originality and excellence)

AIMS

The aims of the EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL MEDALS FOR THE BEST DIPLOMA PROJECTS competition are:

- to promote quality standards among European and international architecture schools,
- to raise awareness of the challenges facing future architects and of the need to respond skillfully,
- to generate discourse on architectural education.

AWARDS

TROPHY consisting in the EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL MEDAL FOR BEST DIPLOMA PROJECT and three MEDALS:

EAM-BDP-ACE	Award for Societal Impact
EAM-BDP-EAAE	Award for Intensity and Courage in Problem Solving
EAM-BDP-UAUIM	Award for Innovative Response

JURY Diploma Projects are evaluated first in Architectural Schools and then the best 2(two) from each school in an international jury that consists of 5 people:

ACE representative	Arch. Luciano LAZZARI, president ACE and jury president
EAAE representative	Prof.Ph.D.Arch. Karl Otto ELLEFSEN, president EAAE
UAUIM representative	Prof.Ph.D.Arch. Zeno BOGDĂNESCU, rector UAUIM

and two architectural profession representatives:

Arch. Wolf PRIX from Coop Himmelb(l)au
Arch. Kjeitel THORSEN from Snøhetta

COMPETITION RULES – 2015 Edition

LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL MEDALS FOR THE BEST DIPLOMA PROJECTS competition.

ELIGIBILITY

The European Architectural Medals for the best Diploma Projects is a European competition open to students:

- enrolled in an Architectural School in Europe at Master level
- defending their Diploma Projects in 2014 – 2015 academic year
- whose graduation projects are endorsed as “The Best Diploma Projects” by their Architecture School upon a selection process

ANONIMITY

Each participant will fill in the online registration form

The submitted files **MUST NOT** contain identifying information. There should be **NO** student name, **NO** tutor name, **NO** school name anywhere in the uploaded files.

ENTRY FORMAT

The competition will provide an online platform for the students to upload:

- 2 vertical panels of 3509 x 4964 pixels, tiff file
- up to 12 images that include the relevant ones used in the 2 panels of at most 3000 x 3000 pixels, tiff file

NOTE

1. By filling in the online registration form all participants:
 - agree with the competition rules and agenda
 - certify the Architecture School endorsement for the competition entry
 - express affidavit of originality and copyright statement
2. Architecture schools that send more than 2 (two) Best Diploma Projects are disqualified and their corresponding entries are removed from the online platform.
3. Failure to comply with any of the competition deadlines, rules, format and language disqualifies automatically the entry.
4. None of the Final Jury members nor the 2015 Competition Team members may tutor an entry that is submitted in this competition edition.

2015 AGENDA

REGISTRATION

Official launching	25 May 2015
Questions and answers	25 May - 15 July 2015
Online Registration Start	15 July 2015
Deadline to Register	15 October 2015

JURY

International Jury	15 October 2015 - 16 November 2015
Exhibition of shortlisted projects	25 November – 29 December 2015
Final Jury	26, 27, 28 November 2015

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

30 November 2015

EXHIBITION of about 30 shortlisted BEST DIPLOMA PROJECTS will be organized in November 2015, with all selected entries printed on paper. All four awards will be selected from the pool of exhibited projects.

From January 2016 onwards, the exhibition will travel throughout European schools.

The projects will be available on-line immediately after the selection of four award winners.

2015 COMPETITION TEAM

Assoc.Prof.Ph.D.Arch.	Francoise PAMFIL – competition manager
Assoc.Prof.Ph.D.Arch.	Andra PANAIT – competition information coordinator
Arch.	Valentin UNGUREANU – web site and online application manager
Assist.Prof. Ph.D.Arch.	Veronica ZYBACZYNSKI – competition secretary
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