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Nominees for the german ecodesign award 2023 have been determined

There are 26 projects with a chance of winning the trophy at the awards ceremony on December 4th.

Innovative and environmentally forward-looking, the competition was fierce. Out of approximately 150 submissions that were allowed to the jury session at the Metropolenhaus Berlin, 26 innovative projects have made it to the final selection. These projects are now in contention for the german ecodesign award 2023. The prizes will be presented on December 4th by Federal Minister for the Environment, Steffi Lemke.

The german ecodesign award is the highest state award for ecological design in Germany. Since 2012, the competition has been annually organized by the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Federal Environment Agency in cooperation with the International Design Center Berlin.

Dr. Bettina Hoffmann MdB, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUV) and jury member, said, *"The submissions for the Federal Ecodesign Award 2023 are impressive. Many companies and research institutions are taking the lead and shaping the transformation towards greater sustainability through concrete projects. The innovations are here, and the Federal Ecodesign Award is bringing them from the niche into the mainstream. At the same time, the Federal Ministry for the Environment supports ambitious standards through binding measures for product-related environmental protection."*

Dr. Bettina Rechenberg, Head of Department III "Sustainable Products and Production, Circular Economy" at the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) and jury member, commented, *"Ecological design of products and services plays a crucial role in the necessary transformation of our society. The numerous submissions from established companies, design firms, startups, and universities have impressed me greatly. The german ecodesign award serves as a catalyst for promoting innovative and forward-looking ideas."*

This year, approximately 360 projects from companies, design, engineering, and architectural firms, as well as research institutions and universities, were submitted in the four categories: Product, Concept, Service, and Young Talent. A panel of experts from the Federal Environment Agency and the advisory board initially made a preselection of around 150 contributions that were admitted to the jury session. During the two-day session, the interdisciplinary jury selected 26 nominees who now have a chance to win the german ecodesign award 2023.

The projects will be publicly displayed at the Metropolenhaus Berlin for one week. Anyone interested in getting a glimpse of the colorful variety of submitted projects is warmly invited. The exhibition will be officially opened with a vernissage on September 29th at 6 PM. From September 30th to October 3rd, 2023, it will be open daily from 12 PM to 4 PM for the general public. Further details can be found on the german ecodesign award website.

All the nominees will be featured in an [online gallery](#). Here's a brief overview of the nominated projects in detail:

Category young talents

- **Layers of Value** | Virginia Reil (Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle)
- **Switching to Design from Recycling** | Raphael Vogler (TU Dresden)
- **PlantScrew** | Franziska Dehm & Dominic Hahn (HfG Schwäbisch Gmünd)
- **Product Design of Resource Scarcity** | Raphael Jung & Jan Sagasser (HfG Schwäbisch Gmünd)
- **NEW GRID** | Jacobo Cuesta Wolf (Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle)
- **Wolllage** | Kira Becker (Bauhaus Universität Weimar)
- **Material Hub Berlin** | Marlón Escobar Saupe (HTW Berlin)
- **MOTEX** | David Soche (FH Salzburg, Österreich)
- **Wrap It Up** | Lukas Henneberger (UdK Berlin)

Category concept

- **GOLD -Textiles from collagen** | WINT Design Lab (head office: Berlin)
- **Plus-energy quarter out of wood modules** | AH Aktiv-Haus GmbH (head office: Stuttgart), Werner Sobek Design GmbH (head office: Stuttgart)
- **KUORI, waste turns material** | KUORI GmbH (head office: Berlin)

Category Service

- **Circular Experience Library** | Circular-Experience.org (head office: Wiesbaden)
- **FoodTracks** | Antegon GmbH (head office: Münster)
- **LumoScanner** | Lumoview Building Analytics GmbH (head office: Köln)
- **Digital material flow management** | N1 Trading GmbH (head office: Dossenheim)
- **Repair Rebels** | Repair Rebels GmbH (head office: Düsseldorf)

Category product

- **MOOT - Made Out Of Trash** | MOOT Upcycling GmbH (head office: Berlin)
- **Second Life Energy Storage System** | e.battery systems GmbH (head office: Wolfurt, Österreich)
- **Mono Vest - Circular and local** | Neumühle Switzerland GmbH (head office: Zürich, Schweiz)
- **PureSoft- Hygiene paper of the future** | WEPA Professional GmbH (head office: Arnsberg-Müschede)
- **Trigger for the circular economy** | Werner & Merz GmbH (head office: Mainz)
- **hansgrohe Planet Edition** | Hansgrohe SE (head office: Schiltach), Phoenix Design GmbH + Co. KG (head office: Stuttgart)
- **GDM.KLIMASTEIN** | GODELMANN GmbH & Co. KG (head office: Fensterbach)
- **The new nkm reusable system** | nkm Naturkosmetik München GmbH (head office: München)
- **Reet Aus UPMADE collection** | Aus Design OÜ (head office: Tallinn, Estland)

The Jury of the Federal Ecodesign Award 2023 includes:

- Werner Aisslinger (Product Designer)
- Prof. em. Anna Berkenbusch (Communication Designer, Professor emerita at the Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle)
- Prof. Matthias Held (Product Designer, Professor at the HfG Schwäbisch Gmünd)
- Anja Hanslik (Head of the Department "Sustainable Consumption, Product-Related Environmental Protection" at the BMUV) on behalf of Dr. Bettina Hoffmann MdB (Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment)
- Prof. em. Günter Horntrich (Product Designer, Professor emeritus for Design and Ecology at the KISD - Cologne International School of Design)
- Dr. Bettina Rechenberg (Head of Department III "Sustainable Products and Production, Circular Economy" at the Federal Environment Agency)
- Prof. Dr. Claudia Perren (Architect, Director of the Academy of Art and Design Basel)
- Siddharth Prakash (Head of the Circular Economy and Global Value Chains Group in the Products and Material Flows Division at the Öko-Institut in Freiburg)
- Prof. Friederike von Wedel-Parlow (Fashion Designer, Founder of the Beneficial Design Institute)

For more information about the competition

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