

**Brussels
Architecture
Prize**

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**BIENNIAL
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PRIZE OF THE
BRUSSELS-CAPITAL
REGION**

BRUSSELS ARCHITECTURE PRIZE

The **Brussels Architecture Prize** is an initiative of the **Brussels-Capital Region** that is implemented by **Urban** in collaboration with **A+ Architecture in Belgium**.

Every two years, the **Brussels Architecture Prize** will reward outstanding architectural projects that contribute to the spatial quality of the **Brussels-Capital Region**. The prize will be awarded for the first time in 2021.

The prize is organized in collaboration with **CIVA** and **BOZAR**.

The **Brussels Architecture Prize** will highlight Brussels as a metropolis with great spatial qualities where both established names and young architects can gain a foothold, as a laboratory for contemporary architecture and urban planning where innovative projects are actively supported, and as a source of inspiration for an urban policy that reaches far beyond the region's borders.

OPEN CALL

The prize rewards recent realizations by Belgian or foreign architects in Brussels and by Brussels offices in Flanders, Wallonia or abroad. Any architect with an architectural office in Brussels or the author of a building that contributes to the quality of the capital, completed between 2018 and June 2021, can enter a submission. Both young and established architects can apply with small, innovative interventions and large, public interventions.

More information about the prize and how to enter a submission is available at:
brusselsarchitectureprize.be

CATEGORIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

The four different categories are:

- 1 Small intervention:** architectural projects < 1,000 m²: buildings or renovations located in the Brussels-Capital Region which, thanks to an intelligent plan, ingenious detailing, the responsible use of materials or a clever organization, offer the right answer to the challenges of the contemporary metropolis.
- 2 Major intervention:** buildings located in the Brussels-Capital Region which, by virtue of their volume, their programme or their ambition, redesign the city, give it a new appearance or have a lasting impact on the quality and perception of the immediate environment.
- 3 Public space:** projects in the public space, located in the Brussels-Capital Region, which constitute an added value for the residents and users, which promote green mobility, and thus make it a city for everyone. This concerns not only streets, squares and parks, but also semi-public spaces that open themselves up to the neighbourhood and to passers-by, and as such give something back to the neighbourhood and the city.
- 4 Extra muros:** high-quality projects built outside the Brussels territory (national or international), but designed by a firm based in the Brussels-Capital Region.

An international professional jury will select a maximum of eight nominees in each category, including one winner. In addition to these four award categories, two honourable mentions will also be given:

- 1 The Lifetime Achievement:** this special award is given to a Brussels office or architect who through years of dedication has brought about positive changes for Brussels. This office or person will be nominated by the scientific committee. It is therefore not possible to enter a submission for this award.
- 2 The Promising Architect:** a special award for a young emerging office based in the Brussels-Capital Region whose partners are no older than 40 in 2021.

PROFESSIONAL JURY AND PUBLIC JURY

The professional international jury consists of renowned foreign architects and key figures from the international world of architecture with a connection to (or love for) Brussels. The professional jury will make the selections in two stages.

- 1** The jury will first make the preselection and then reduce the number of submissions to eight nominated projects per category, except for the Lifetime Achievement. The nominations for the latter are proposed by the scientific committee.
- 2** The jury then selects the four winners from among the 32 nominees (at most) as well as the honourable mentions.

A public jury will choose a favourite project from among the nominated projects, independently of all categories. The project with the most votes will win the Public Award of the Brussels Architecture Prize.

EVENTS & FRINGE PROGRAMME

To highlight certain themes and bring together the different actors of the sector, we will organize, in collaboration with our partners, an extensive fringe programme.

ARCHIWEEK

In October the nominees will be announced through an exhibition, lectures, debates and guided tours in the city in the context of Archiweek organized by Urban.

LECTURES

In the autumn, in collaboration with CIVA, we will organize six lectures by the architects of the nominated projects. The series will run from Archiweek until the award ceremony in December.

GUIDED TOURS

From October onwards, the nominated projects will open their doors to the general public.

AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony will take place in December 2021.

PUBLICATION

The special issue A+293 will be entirely dedicated to the Brussels Architecture Prize. In 144 pages, not only will the nominees and laureates be presented, but every submission will also be covered. There will also be room for quotes from the jury, a longer article contextualizing architecture in Brussels, and interviews.

TIMETABLE

FROM 26 MARCH TO 31 MAY	Open call
JUNE	Jury selection announced
OCTOBER	Exhibition, debates, lectures and guided tours in the context of Archiweek; voting for the public award.
OCTOBER – DECEMBER	Lectures and guided tours
DECEMBER	Award ceremony and publication A+293

PARTNERS

THE BRUSSELS-CAPITAL REGION

The Brussels-Capital Region is implementing an ambitious urban development policy under the authority of Secretary of State Pascal Smet. The regional service Urban.brussels converts this policy into concrete actions and can count on the expertise of its collaborators.

Urban.brussels plays a central role in making citizens aware of the fact that we are building the city of tomorrow today.

A+ ARCHITECTURE IN BELGIUM

By means of a magazine, a digital platform, as well as the organization of international lectures, A+ is the benchmark in architecture in Belgium.

By cataloguing, stimulating reflection and encouraging promotion, A+ Architecture in Belgium aims to showcase and stimulate architects, administrators, manufacturers and clients in order to contribute to the construction of a qualitative built environment, while at the same time building bridges between the regions, the communities and the international sphere.

A+ Architecture in Belgium is a non-profit organization founded by architects in 1973.

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