



CHALLENGING Plastic Waste

European
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Competition 2019



Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have to be based in the EU to enter?

No - the Competition is open to anyone based in [EU Member States](#) or [Associated Countries to Horizon 2020](#). If your legal residence corresponds to any of these countries, you can enter.

Does the idea have to be based in Europe?

Yes - the planned activities of your entry must take place within an eligible country ([EU Member States](#) or [Associated Countries to Horizon 2020](#)).

Does Brexit disqualify UK entrants?

No - UK entrants are eligible to enter. However if the UK withdraws from the EU during the Competition period without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that UK applicants continue to be eligible, your application will then be disqualified.

Is there any age limits for entrants?

Yes - entrants must be 18 years of age or over, at the time of entering the Competition.

Can you enter as a team?

Yes - joint applications by a group of participants are admitted. In this case, the participants must appoint a Lead Participant.

Can you enter as an organisation?

Yes - any legal entity, or group of legal entities can enter, except for public administrations (local, regional and national governments).

Is there any limit on the number of times you can enter?

No - you can enter as many different ideas as you want. If you submit multiple entries of the same idea, the final submission will be used.

Do you have to enter in English?

No - you can enter in any of the 24 [Official EU Languages](#), but the application form is only available in English.



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Can you enter if you have already entered the idea in other Competitions?

Yes - however entrants that have already received an EU or Euratom prize cannot receive a second prize for the same activities.

Can you enter with a pre-existing project?

No - this is an ideas competition. If your project is already operational it is not eligible, although pre-existing projects can enter with a new piece of work.

Are entries assessed solely on their level of innovation?

No - entries are assessed based on their potential degree of innovation, impact, sustainability and scale, as outlined in the [Judging Criteria](#).

Do contestants keep the intellectual property of their idea?

Yes - you retain any and all intellectual property rights of your entry, and any resulting projects.

Is entry to the Competition confidential?

No - the Commission will publish the names of Semi-Finalists, Finalists and Winners - unless this publication is requested to be waived due to security, safety or commercial concerns.

Is there limits on what you do with the prize money?

No - the Competition does not dictate how the prize money is used.

Is the prize money subject to taxation?

Yes - Winners are responsible for payment of taxes where applicable when using the prize money.

If your question is not answered within this list, please contact us at info@socialinnovationprize.eu.

An up to date record of all questions asked will be published by the European Commission [here](#).