

BLL 2020

Award Brief

Scope

The change daylight through the roof brings into buildings is magic, that we experience with each of our joint projects created together with architects and designers. The sharing of these real-life examples and the announcement of good architecture is our common goal since the beginning of the BLL awards back in 2014.

Countries participating

Bosna and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Makedonia
Montenegro
Romania
Serbia
Turkey

Theme

Each building project experiences a specific development, linked to the unique balance between different factors in time and space, that becomes this project`s history. This history materializes into an architectural shape for the building. This inspired the motto or subject of the BLL awards for 2020:

„Let your story become the winner!“

Categories and prize money

There are 3 major types of buildings that we are looking up to:

- Family houses
- Residential and multifamily buildings
- Public buildings

Those 3 main types of buildings we separate into newbuild and renovation.

As a result, we have 6 categories with a corresponding prize of 700,-€ each:

- Family houses new build
- Residential and multifamily buildings new build
- Public buildings new build
- Family houses renovation
- Residential and multifamily buildings renovation
- Public buildings renovation

The project rewarded by the jury with the most amount of points, regardless of the category, wins the overall award as a global winner. The author(s) of the project receive 2.500,-€ and a ticket to the annual VELUX AS conference "Healthy Buildings Day".

Project requirements

Projects applying for the award must be real projects, no conceptual designs would be considered. The projects must have roof windows and/or sun tunnels for sloped and/or flat roof.

For the participation minimum required are floorplan, facades, section, and a short text describing the design idea. Details, 3D visualizations, real pictures and additional information are welcome. Visualized projects have an advantage during the jury process. The projects could be from 2019 and 2020, design stage is irrelevant, the building could have also being completed within those two years.

Project upload

All projects are uploaded by their authors to the award webpage – bll.velux.com. The authors need to create a profile with an e-mail and password. After registration, the project upload is done in the login-area "My BLL".

There is no restriction to the number of projects submitted by one author.

The file format is JPEG images for all types of data: floorplans, facades, sections, visualizations, photos, details.

JPEG images are to be in print quality – actual size, 300-600ppi

There is no restriction to the number of files uploaded.

All uploaded files will be visible on the BLL webpage.

Project dashboards

In the log-in area the authors are to create a project dashboard with a selection from the images uploaded for the given project. There are 10 templates available to choose from. The size of the dashboard is 50/70cm, landscape orientation.

The dashboards (with information about the authors) are to be printed out physically for the awarding ceremony and afterwards included in a booklet (printed and online) with all projects from BLL2020.

Schedule

Start: 31st August 2020

Project upload: 31st January 2021

Jury: 1st – 28th February 2021

Winners announcement and awarding ceremony: 25th of March 2021

Host of the event: Romania*

*Date and location to be determined

Jury

Each country participating gets one jury member that is an architect from that given country. Additionally, the winner(s) from the last year awards edition participate with the right to one vote.

Criteria for the jury

The evaluation of the projects is done by each judge by applying points to each of the following design aspects:

1. Daylight - effective distribution into the building
2. View to the outside and bringing the outside nature in
3. Effective utilization of the space under the roof elements
4. Design and aesthetic look
5. Visualization and presentation

For each of the 5 factors a project could receive from 0 to 10 points. The sum of all points, from all judges form the final score. The project with the most points gathered receives the global prize, the other six winning projects are those with the most points in the corresponding category.

Further information and questions

Further information, specification and inspiration will be available on <https://bll.velux.com/en/>.

Public announcement

Communication on and photos and films of winners, winning projects, and honourable mentions will be released to architectural magazines, newspapers, webpages, and other relevant media after the winner' announcement.

By entering the BLL award, the participants accept that the organizer – the VELUX Group – may publish and disseminate the submitted projects and photos of the participants in analogue and digital form.