

FAQs

Ideas Competition 2010 - Solar energy for small Italian islands¹

1 – Who are the promoters of the international ideas competition 2010 - “Solar energy for small Italian islands?”

- Associazione Marevivo
- CITERA (Centro di Ricerca Interdisciplinare Territorio Edilizia Restauro Ambiente), Università di Roma La Sapienza
- ENEA (Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l'energia e lo sviluppo economico sostenibile)
- GSE (Gestore dei Servizi Energetici – GSE S.p.A.)
- Ministero dei Beni e delle Attività culturali - Direzione generale per la qualità e la tutela del paesaggio, l'architettura e l'arte contemporanee (DG PABAAC)
- Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare – Segretariato Generale (MATTM – SG).

2 – What design material shall be submitted for the competition?

- 4 plates in A2 format, containing maps, front views, cross-sections and technical details;
- report of 6 pages (1,500 characters per page) with the description of the design;
- PowerPoint presentation of the design proposal: the presentation shall summarise the report (max 2 slides), as well as the technical and/or photographic material submitted for the competition (max 6 slides).

3 – What are the prizes?

Based on the categories of entrants and on the submitted types of designs, the prizes shall be as follows:

¹ **The answers to the following questions are merely indicative and shall not replace the reading and the full application of the rules laid down in the call for entries, to which the reader is referred. In case of discrepancy between the rules of the call for entries and these FAQs, the former shall prevail.**

| | Category of entrants | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Students | | Professionals | | Companies | |
| | 1 st place | 2 nd place | 1 st place | 2 nd place | 1 st place | 2 nd place |
| Types of Designs | | | | | | |
| 1 st type | 2,000 euro | 1,000 euro | 4,000 euro | 2,000 euro | diploma | diploma |
| 2 nd type | 2,000 euro | 1,000 euro | 4,000 euro | 2,000 euro | diploma | diploma |
| 3 rd type | 2,000 euro | 1,000 euro | 4,000 euro | 2,000 euro | diploma | diploma |

4 – What is the deadline of the competition?

Entries for the competition shall be submitted by mail, by courier or by hand to the following address of Gestore dei Servizi Energetici, within 17:30 of 6 September 2010 at the latest. No late entries shall be accepted.

Gestore dei Servizi Energetici – GSE S.p.A.
V.le Maresciallo Pilsudski, 92 – 00197 Roma
(website: www.gse.it)

5 – Which are the requirements of the islands and the setting where the proposed solutions and designs may be integrated?

As per article 1 of the call for entries, the international competition is intended to spur ideas and proposals on innovative solar energy devices, plants or plant systems to be used in the typical setting of small Italian islands. In particular, the design proposals may be integrated into the territories of the Municipalities of small islands having no more than 15,000 residents on the basis of the latest ISTAT census.

The setting (not necessarily urban) where to integrate the design solutions shall be typical of the architecture and landscape of the small island selected by the entrant.

6 – Which are the requirements for entry to the competition?

Under article 3 of the call for entries, the competition is open to:

- Students of architecture, engineering or industrial design or equivalent in their countries.

- Architects, engineers, industrial designers, professional offices or teams, design firms or equivalent in their countries, provided that they are registered with the respective professional boards.

A team (even a team of two) may include members who are not registered with their professional boards. In this case, the team shall be admitted to the competition if at least the team leader is registered with his/her professional board.

- Industrial companies registered with the respective boards of trade or other applicable boards.

7 – If the proposed technological solution is being patented, will it be admitted to the competition?

The mere application for a patent and/or the search for partners shall not involve the exclusion from the competition.

However, the material for the competition shall be submitted before obtaining the patent.

No ideas, which have already been patented, published or which are already under production, shall be admitted to the competition.

8 – How to obtain data about the electricity consumption of users and the characteristics of the power grid, as well as maps of the site into which the design solution is proposed to be integrated?

Entrants shall be responsible for obtaining the above data, for example, from local distributors or grid operators and/or Municipal Technical Offices.

Maps may be obtained from the land planning offices of the relevant Regions, which usually have geographic maps in different electronic formats.