

STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE
Call for Entries 2027



ANNUAL
COMPETITION

for students of Secondary
and Technical Schools
on the subject of

water



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STOCKHOLM JUNIOR WATER PRIZE

THE WORLD'S
LEADING
ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT COMPETITION
ON THE SUBJECT OF
WATER.



General Information

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP) is an annual competition which was established in 1995 that is open to **students of Secondary Schools and Technical Schools and focuses exclusively on water-related issues**. Through this international competition, thousands of young people around the world develop a personal interest, undertake academic studies and often pursue careers in the water or environmental field.

Each year, more than 35 countries participate in the competition.

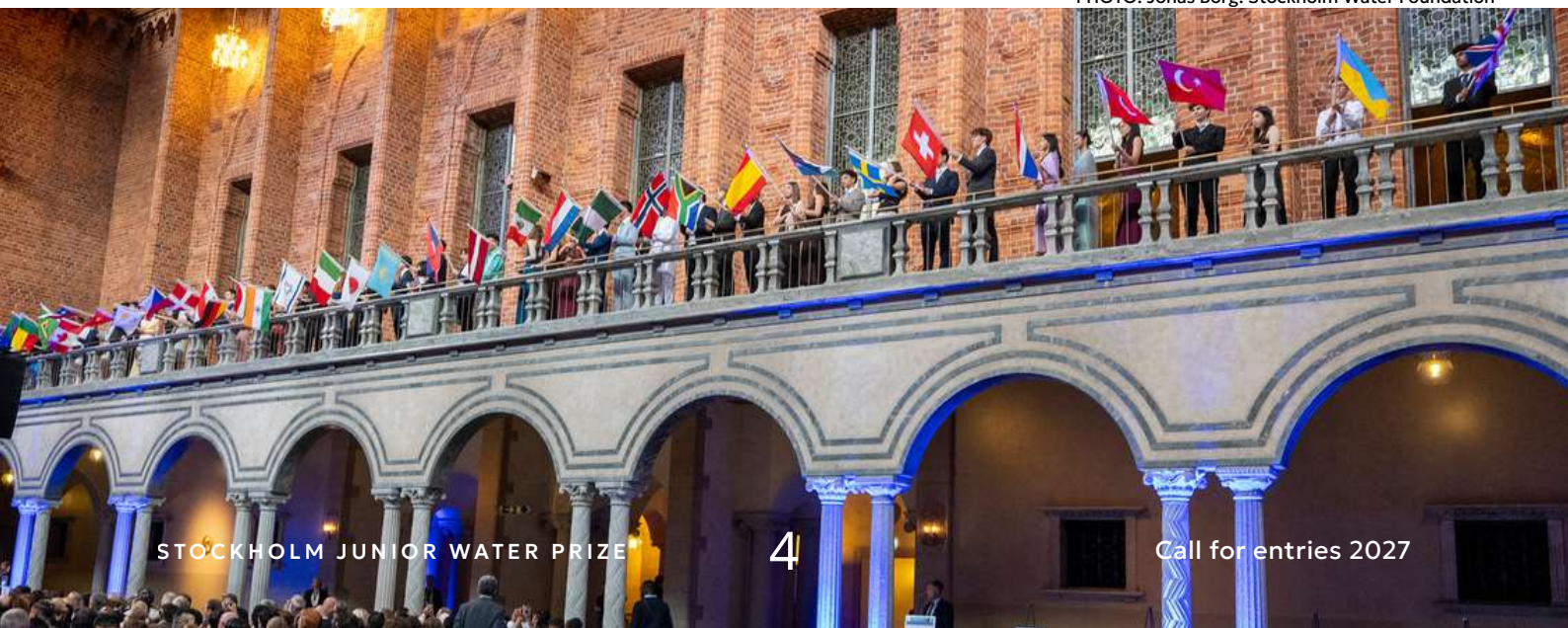
In 2026, the following countries participated:

Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Latvia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The Netherlands, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the USA.

The Competition promotes young people's interest in the water environment, both at local and global level. The International final takes place as part of World Water Week στη Stockholm, around the end of August. The theme of the World Water Week 2027 is **“Water for Human and Planetary Health”** and the sessions will explore how clean water and proper management directly impact human well-being and the stability of global ecosystems.

The Stockholm Water Foundation (SWF) is responsible for the overall organisation of the SJWP Competition. SWF co-operates with a local Organisation, which acts as the National Organiser and is responsible for conducting the National Competition, through which the team representing each country in the International Competition is selected. Only projects selected by the National Organiser of each country may be accepted for the International Competition.

PHOTO: Jonas Borg, Stockholm Water Foundation



The National Organiser for Cyprus, since 2011, is **the Water Museum of the Limassol District Local Government Organisation (EOA)** and is responsible for organising the National Competition, based on the guidelines of the SWF.

Representatives of the EOA Water Museum support and guide the Teams participating in the Competition, both at national and international level.

Also, a representative of the National Organiser accompanies the winning Team to Stockholm and provides all possible support for organising the trip and the team's participation in the International Competition.

The National Competition

The National Competition is the first stage for participation in the International Competition SJWP.

Following the guidelines of the SWF, the evaluation process of the projects by the National Jury is divided **into two parts**.

Initially, the **written paper** is submitted to the Jury, which examines it thoroughly.

Subsequently, the shortlisted Teams are invited to give a brief **oral presentation** of their project before the Jury and answer relevant questions.

Taking into consideration all the evaluation criteria, as detailed below, the Jury **grades the projects and selects the winning team that will represent Cyprus in the International Competition**.



Participation Information

Participants may submit practical, technical projects related to the natural and social sciences, using **innovative development methods** and approaches to solve water-related problems.

The Competition focuses on projects that incorporate young people's **creativity**, including the presentation of new techniques developed by them, as well as innovative ways of applying known techniques or even pioneering approaches to addressing a known challenge related to water.

The Competition covers topics aimed at improving quality of life through:

- improving water quality
- better management of water resources
- promoting water awareness
- treatment of drinking water and wastewater, as well as
- social aspects related to water

Entries may come from either the natural or social sciences, as well as areas such as sport, health, art and music.

All projects must follow a **research and experimental approach**, including scientifically accepted methods of research, experimentation, recording and presentation of results, combined with statistical analyses at a practical level, **with the aim of solving problems** such as improving the quality and better management of water.

The Competition promotes projects that have **a real impact on water-related challenges**, as opposed to purely academic/theoretical approaches.



Projects should include information on motivation, thinking process, scientific rationale and outcome of the students' work, as well as any business aspect of the idea, namely the construction/production cost.

Any pilot application of the project, such as conducting experiments, building a prototype, etc., where possible, will help substantiate the idea.

The proper structure of the written paper is very important and should present in a logical order the topic, objectives, significance of the research and its relevance to the Competition topic, the procedures for data collection and processing, discussion of the results and conclusions, as well as the team's critical evaluation of the final outcome.

Projects may focus on **local, regional, national or global issues**. If the research focuses on a local area, consideration should also be given and information presented on how the project could be applied on a larger, global scale. **It is important to demonstrate the potential for wider application, alongside implementation at local level.**

Eligibility Requirements

-  The National Competition is open to **all students of public and private Secondary and Technical Schools, aged 15 or older**, who will not have commenced studies at higher education institutions such as universities by the date of the International Competition.
-  Projects may be submitted by **one or two students**.
-  Each school may submit **more than one project**, provided that the supervising teachers can provide adequate support and guidance to the teams.
-  Each student may participate **in only one team**.

You're not alone!
We'll support you at every stage, with guidance and practical support throughout the Competition.

Information and Guidance for Participants' Preparation

Interested parties may contact the responsible Officer Eleni Nikolaou, to arrange an in-person meeting or a video conference for an initial discussion of their project and to receive guidelines for its preparation.

Telephone: 25 271201–202, email: sjwp@eoalemesos.org.cy

Stockholm Junior Water Prize

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Are you a teacher?

Be the guiding light that helps
a student idea shine and brings
Cyprus's next generation of
scientists to the forefront.



Submission of the Written Paper – Specifications

The written paper must be **submitted in English** and must not exceed **20 A4 pages**, excluding the cover page, but including figures, photographs, tables, annexes and preliminary matters, divided in accordance with academic writing.

Aptos font, 12 point, 1½ line spacing and adequate margins are required.

Participants may design the **cover page** of their paper as they wish, but it must include the following information in a readable format:

- Entry to the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Cyprus 2027
- Project Title
- School Name
- Students' names, date of birth and educational level (e.g. 1st Year of Secondary School)
- Name of Supervising Teacher

Immediately after the cover page, the **preliminary matters** should be included, such as:

- Short bios of the participants – a brief section describing who they are, which year they attend, with whom they may have collaborated for the project or which sources they used. In addition, any information regarding the use of artificial intelligence during the preparation of the project would be helpful.
- Summary – up to one page of single-spaced text.
- Table of Contents.
- List of abbreviations and acronyms used in the project.
- Acknowledgments – It is important to indicate the extent of external assistance received during the preparation of the project (e.g. technical assistance from higher education institutions, such as universities).

The written paper must be submitted in **electronic format (PDF)**, with a file size of up to **2MB**, to the email address: sjwp@eoalemesos.org.cy.

In addition, a **summary of the project in Greek and English**, approximately 200 words, in **electronic format (WORD)** should be submitted at the above-mentioned email addresses.



Please note that the written paper will be checked for **plagiarism**, both for the National and the International Competition, using appropriate electronic tools.

Oral Presentation

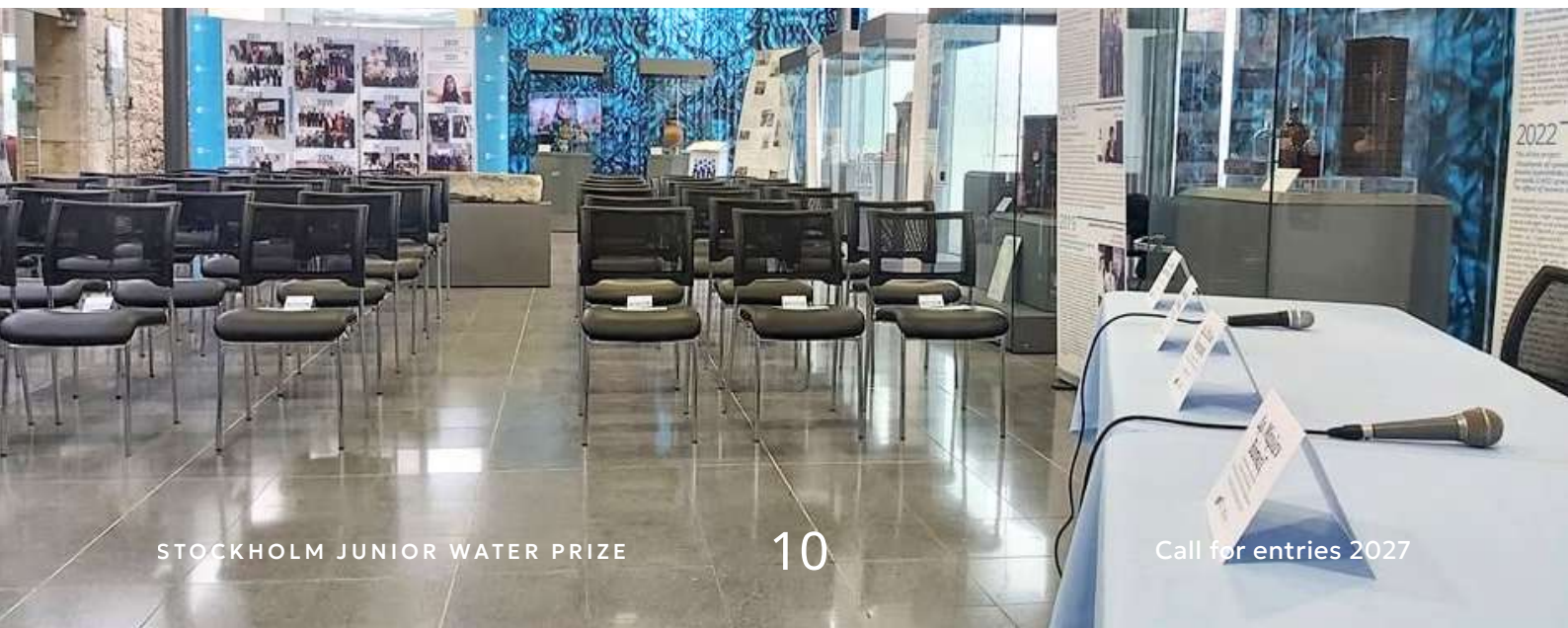
Following the evaluation of the written papers, the shortlisted teams will be invited to give a brief oral presentation of their project before the National Jury and answer relevant **questions**.

The presentation will be supported by a slideshow in PowerPoint format, with a maximum of **6 slides**, in landscape orientation.

The file may include **images, videos, diagrams**, etc.

Participants must ensure that all media files (video, audio) and fonts are embedded directly in PowerPoint.

The slideshow must be submitted in electronic format PowerPoint, **at least 1 week before the date of the oral presentation, to the email address: sjwp@eoalemesos.org.cy**.



Selection Criteria

Projects will be evaluated in **two stages**.

1 The Jury will evaluate the **written paper**.

The **written paper** will be evaluated and judged according to the following **criteria**:

1. Relevance
2. Creative Ability
3. Concept and Methodology
4. Knowledge of the Subject and Access to Sources

2 The shortlisted teams will be invited to give an **oral presentation** of their projects. The entire process will be conducted in English.

During the **oral presentation** and before the Jury makes its final decision, they will consider **two additional criteria**, which complement their initial assessment:

1. Practical Skills: Pilot application of the project, conducting experiments, building a prototype, etc.
2. Report and Presentation: Coherence between the written paper and the oral presentation.

The Jury will give emphasis on the **maturity and ability of students to compete at an international level**.

This includes both the ability to communicate in English and the proper presentation of the project.

Jury

The Jury of the National Competition will consist of people with specialised knowledge on subjects related to the Competition.





Awards



Monetary Prizes

1st Place – €400

2nd Place – €200

3rd Place – €100

The monetary prizes are awarded to the school of the winning teams. These amounts will be used by each school to support the subject taught by the supervising teacher and/or the preparation of new projects within the framework of the Competition.



Commendation

The Jury has the right to award a commendation to other projects.



Partial Coverage of the Expenses of Shortlisted Teams

The shortlisted teams invited to give oral presentations before the National Jury will receive the amount of €200 (total amount per team). This amount will be paid to the supervising teacher of each team and will partially cover the costs incurred for assisting the preparation of the project and for the team's participation in the final stage of the National Competition.



Participation in the International Competition

Full Coverage of the winning team's travel and accommodation expenses in Stockholm

The team receiving the 1st Prize will represent Cyprus in the International Competition to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, around the end of August. **The Water Museum will cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the students and the supervising teacher in Stockholm.**



Certificates of Participation and Awards

All participants and supervising teachers will receive certificates of participation. Winners will also receive award certificates.

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Origin of AquaWise

Why we started:

Water shortage is a major issue globally
First-Hand Experience: Severe Water
Scarcity - Potato fields drying out
Dry River: The Pedaios River (near our
school) - once a flowing ecosystem, was
now completely dry
Water Cuts are common and during a
recent wildfire there wasn't enough
water to put it out
Agriculture consumes 70% of
freshwater
Farmers still rely on timers or manual work
Results: Water waste and crops loss

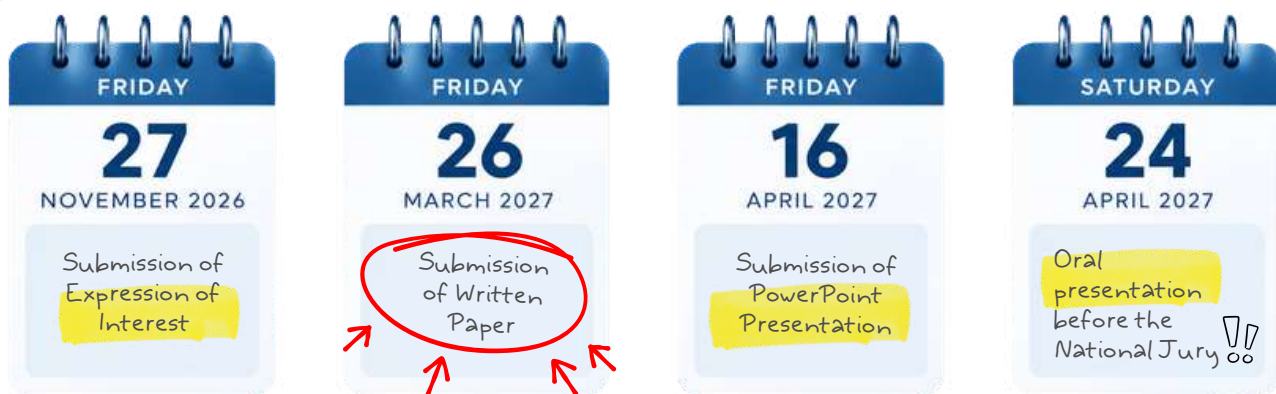


Are you a student?

Work as a real researcher and,
together with your teacher,
discover the innovative idea
that could take you to the
international stage of water
science...


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Deadlines and Procedures



Submission of Preliminary Expression of Interest

The teams wishing to participate in the Competition must complete and submit the form found on **page 28** of this document **no later than Friday, 30 November 2026**.

Please note that this declaration is not binding regarding the submission of the written paper for the current Competition.

Furthermore, the title or topic of the project may be revised at the time of submitting the written paper. The preliminary expression of interest to participate in the National Competition must be submitted to the email address: sjwp@eoalesmesos.org.cy.

Submission of Written Paper

The deadline for the submission of the written paper is Friday, 26 March 2027. The paper must be prepared according to the specifications and guidelines stated on **page 9** of this document and submitted to the email address: sjwp@eoalesmesos.org.cy

Oral Presentation and Announcement of Winners

The shortlisted teams will be invited to give their oral presentations before the National Jury, on **Saturday, 24 April 2027**.

The oral presentation will be supported by a slide show (PowerPoint) that must be prepared according to the specifications and guidelines stated on **page 10** of this document.

The PowerPoint Presentation must be submitted **no later than Friday, 16 April 2027**, to the email address: sjwp@eoalesmesos.org.cy.

From the classroom
...to the world stage!



The International Final in Stockholm

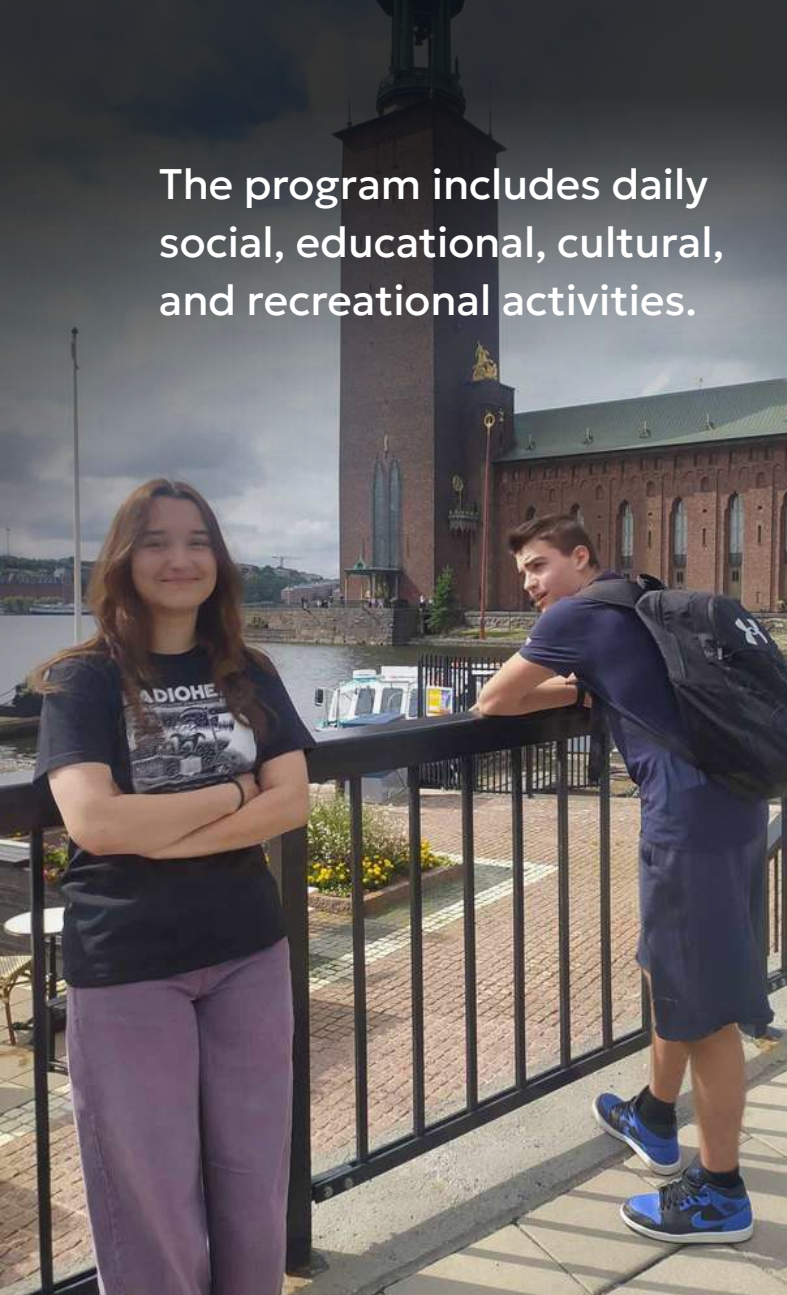
General Information



Winners from all participating countries will take part in the International Competition held in Stockholm around the end of August, as part of World Water Week.

More than 35 countries participate in the competition.

The program includes daily social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities.



A photograph of three young people in a grand, historic hall with high ceilings and arched windows. On the left, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue top, is gesturing with her hands while speaking. In the center, a young man with dark hair, wearing a blue suit and a striped tie, is listening intently. On the right, a young woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a black sleeveless dress, is also listening. The background shows other people and rows of blue chairs, suggesting a formal event or conference.

During their stay in Stockholm, the winners will have the opportunity to meet and learn from leading figures in the water sector from around the world.

They will also forge strong friendships and connections with people who share the same passion for water.

The 2026 Stockholm Junior Water Prize winner, Moroti Adegboyega from Canada.

Vassiliki Papadopoulou
2026 Cyprus Finalist
Pancyprian Gymnasium Nicosia

PHOTO: Jonas Borg, Stockholm Water Foundation





One of the most memorable moments of the journey for all finalists is meeting and shaking hands with Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden.

PHOTO: Jonas Borg. Stockholm Water Foundation



The highlights of the week include the Award Ceremony, held in the presence of the Patron of the Competition, Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden.

The spectacular award ceremony takes place at Stockholm City Hall, in the famous Blue Hall, the iconic venue where the official Nobel Prize banquet is also held.

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Another highlight of the journey is the official closing dinner of World Water Week, held in the Golden Hall of Stockholm City Hall, in the presence of King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden.

Presentation of the project in Stockholm

Projects participating in the International Competition are evaluated by the Jury in **two stages**.

1

The **written paper** is sent to the International Organisers in early June and will then be evaluated by the Jury. The written paper is prepared according to the specifications and guidelines stated in this document, unless updated instructions are provided.



The written paper will be checked for plagiarism, using appropriate electronic tools.

2

During the final phase of the Competition in Stockholm, students will give a short **oral presentation** of their project and answer questions from the International Jury.

The oral presentation will be supported by a **slideshow** prepared according to the specifications and guidelines stated in this document, unless updated instructions are provided.

The International Organisers may also request the preparation of a **printed poster** for presentation of the project and for other promotional purposes, as part of the International Competition.



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People's Choice Award



In recent years, the International Organisers have established the People's Choice Award. This is an informal Competition for which each team must prepare a **short promotional video**, up to 2 minutes long, presenting their project. The video is aimed at the public and seeks to further promote the projects and raise awareness of water-related issues. Videos from all participating countries are posted and the public is invited to vote for the country of its choice. The video receiving the most votes is announced at the SJWP Competition Award Ceremony.

Awards

The winner of the International Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition receives a monetary prize of **USD 15.000** and a **crystal sculpture**.

The International Jury may also award a **Diploma of Excellence** to other projects. In such case, a monetary prize of **USD 3,000** is awarded.

The winner of the People's Choice Award is also announced at the same Ceremony.

All participants receive **certificates of participation**.



PHOTO: Jonas Borg, Stockholm Water Foundation

Expression of Interest

The form below must be submitted no later than 30 November 2026, to the email address: sjwp@eoalemesos.org.cy.

School Information

School Name: _____

Principal's Full Name: _____

Contact Telephone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Preliminary title/topic of project (It may be revised at the time of submitting the written paper)

Supervising Teacher Details

Full Name: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Supervising Teacher Declaration

☐ I consent to the publication of my name, the school's name and the title of the above project, as well as photographs/videos from Competition events, on websites, social media and press releases.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Optional consents

(failure to provide them does not affect participation in the Competition in any way)

☐ I wish to receive future SJWP Competition announcements.

☐ I wish to receive updates on promotional activities related to the SJWP Competition.

☐ I wish to receive future announcements and updates on promotional activities related to the Water Innovators Competition, addressed to lower secondary school students.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Details

Student 1

Full Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Student 1 Declaration

☐ I consent to the publication of my name, the school's name and the title of the above project, as well as photographs/videos from Competition events, on websites, social media and press releases.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional consents

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☐ I wish to receive future SJWP Competition announcements.

☐ I wish to receive updates on promotional activities related to the SJWP Competition.

Signatures: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Declaration (for students under 18 years of age)

Full name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I declare that I have read and understood the above Information and consent to the participation and the choices indicated.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Details

Student 2

Full Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Student 2 Declaration

☐ I consent to the publication of my name, the school's name and the title of the above project, as well as photographs/videos from Competition events, on websites, social media and press releases.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional consents

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☐ I wish to receive future SJWP Competition announcements.

☐ I wish to receive updates on promotional activities related to the SJWP Competition.

Signatures: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Declaration (for students under 18 years of age)

Full name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I declare that I have read and understood the above Information and consent to the participation and the choices indicated.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Collection and Processing of Personal Data

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and the Protection of Natural Persons with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data and the Free Movement of Such Data Law of 2018 (Law 125(I)/2018), you are hereby informed that the above data will be retained by the Limassol District Local Government Organisation in paper and electronic form for the purposes of administering the Competition and communicating with interested parties, in accordance with the Organisation's Personal Data Protection and Privacy Policy [**https://eoalemesos.org.cy/el/privacy-policy**](https://eoalemesos.org.cy/el/privacy-policy).

This information will not be disclosed to third parties, except where disclosure is required for the administration of the Competition, and will be destroyed within a reasonable period after the completion of the Competition, unless explicit consent has been given for its retention and use in future promotional activities in relation to the Stockholm Junior Water Prize and/or the Water Innovators Competition.

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Who will be Cyprus' next team on the world stage of water science?
It could be you!



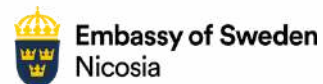
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