

ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR **LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL** STUDENTS ON **WATER**

CALL FOR ENTRIES 2027

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Think Water.
Be a Water Innovator!



General Information

Water Innovators is a new annual competition for **lower secondary school students**, focusing on topics related to **water**.

Its aim is to encourage young people to engage creatively with issues concerning the aquatic environment, the protection and management of water, and the development of innovative solutions.

The Competition is organised by the **Water Museum** of the Limassol District Local Government Organisation (EOA).

Participants are **assessed** in two stages:

- Assessment of the written paper by the Jury.
- Oral presentation of the shortlisted projects and responses to questions from the Jury.

Based on the overall assessment criteria, the Jury decides on the award of the prizes.

Subject of the Projects

Projects must concern water and may address **practical, technical, scientific or social issues.**

They may come from different fields, such as **the natural and social sciences, technology, health, sport, art or music, provided that they are substantially connected to water.**

Particular emphasis will be placed on creativity, innovation and the students' effort to propose or test a solution to a **real-world problem related to water**.

The project may address a local, regional, national or global issue. Where possible, **it is positive to indicate how the proposed solution could be applied on a wider scale**.

Strict academic writing requirements are not necessary. However, the project should present the problem, idea or research approach, the process followed, the results and the main conclusions in a clear and logical manner.

Participation Requirements

- The Competition is open to students from both **public and private lower secondary schools.**
- Each project may be submitted by **one or two students**.
- Each student may participate **in only one team**.
- Each school may submit **more than one project**, provided that it can provide the necessary support to the teams.

Support and Information for Participants

Interested teams may contact the responsible Officer, Eleni Nicolaou, in order to arrange an individual meeting or video conference for an initial discussion of their idea or project and for basic guidance regarding their preparation.
Telephone: 25 271201–202
Email: **waterinnovators@eoalemesos.org.cy**

Guidance and support in every step!



Submission of Written Paper

The written paper may be submitted in either **Greek** or **English** and must not exceed **20 A4 pages**, excluding the cover page but including figures, photographs, tables, appendices and preliminary sections.

Font: Aptos, size 12, 1.5 line spacing, with adequate margins.

No specific academic writing format or specific referencing system is required. However, the project should be readable, well organised and clearly document the idea, process and results.

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

- Project title
- School name
- Students' names and year/grade of education (e.g. 1st Year of Lower Secondary School)
- Supervising Teacher's name

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

- Short biographical information about the participants – a brief section describing who they are, which grade they attend, with whom they may have collaborated on the project, or which sources they used.
- Abstract – up to one page in length, with single line spacing.
- Table of contents.

Indicatively, the paper may also include:

A brief description of the problem or topic.

- **The aim and main idea** of the project.
- **The way in which the research**, experimentation or development of the solution was carried out.
- **Results and, where applicable, data from experiments**, measurements or a pilot implementation.
- **Conclusions and proposals** for further implementation or improvement.
- **Sources** or other information used.

The written paper must be submitted electronically (PDF), with a file size of up to 2MB, to the following email: **waterinnovators@eoalemesos.org.cy**

The above email addresses must also be used to submit an **approximately 200-word summary of the project in both Greek and English**, in **electronic** (WORD) format.

It is noted that the written paper may be checked for plagiarism using appropriate electronic tools.

Oral Presentation – Digital Poster

Following the assessment of the written projects, the shortlisted teams will be invited to **present their project** before the Judging Committee.

The presentation will be supported by a **digital poster**, which should present in a simple and understandable way the problem, the idea, the methodology or construction, the main results and the conclusions of the project.

It will be prepared 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 multimedia files (video, audio) and fonts are embedded directly in the PowerPoint.

The relevant file must be submitted electronically (PowerPoint), **at least 1 week before the date of the oral presentation**, to the following email **waterinnovators@eoalemesos.org.cy**

The team must be able to present its project orally and answer questions from the Judging Committee.

Selection Criteria

The assessment will be based mainly on the following **criteria**:

- **Relevance** of the project to the topic of water.
- **Creativity** and **originality** of the idea.
- **Quality and clarity** of the approach or methodology.
- Students' **knowledge** and **understanding** of the topic.
- **Practical value** and feasibility of the idea.
- **Quality of the oral presentation** and digital poster.
- Students' **ability to present** their project and answer questions.

Where feasible, the existence of *experiments, a prototype, a pilot implementation or another practical test* of the idea will also be taken into consideration.

Judging Committee

The Judging Committee will consist of individuals with knowledge and experience in subjects related to water, science, technology, the environment or other relevant fields.

Prizes and Distinctions

Monetary Prizes

1st Prize – €400 monetary prize
2nd Prize – €200 monetary prize
3rd Prize – €100 monetary prize

The above amounts are paid to the school of the winning team. Each school will use these amounts to support the subject taught by the supervising teacher and/or the development of new projects within the Competition.

Commendation

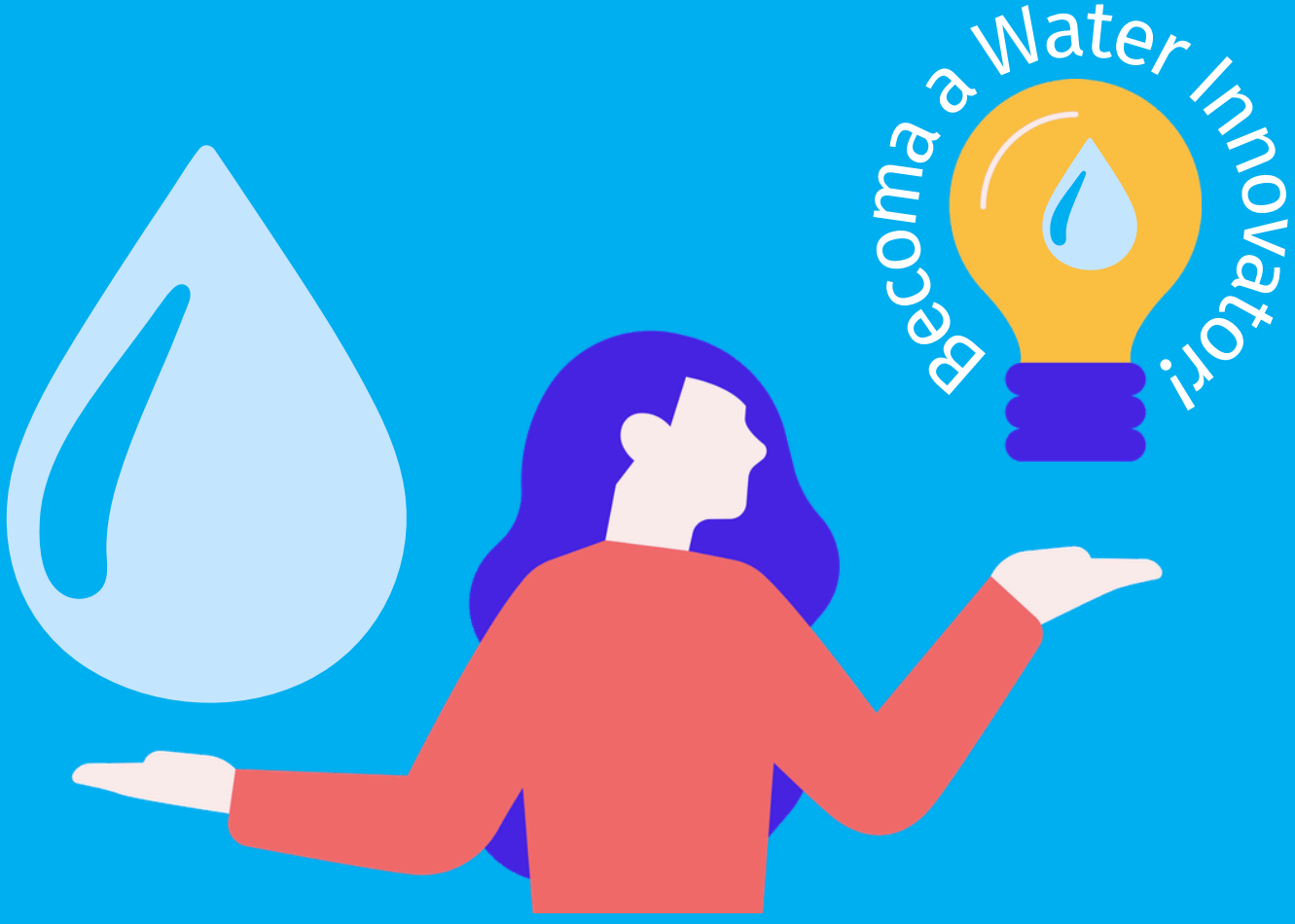
The Judging Committee may also award commendations to other projects.

Certificates of Participation and Awards

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



Your ideas about **water** maybe the **solution** to a real problem!



Deadlines and Procedures



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Submission of Preliminary Expression of Interest

Interested teams must complete and submit the form found on **page 12** of this announcement **no later than Friday, 27 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 following email: **waterinnovators@eoalemesos.org.cy**

Submission of Written Paper

The final date for submission of the written paper is **Friday, 16 April 2027**. The paper must be prepared in accordance with the specifications and guidelines set out on **page 6** of this announcement and submitted to the following email: **waterinnovators@eoalemesos.org.cy**

Oral Presentation and Announcement of Winners

The shortlisted teams will be invited to give **oral presentations** of their projects before the Judging Committee on **Saturday, 15 May 2027**.

The oral presentation must be supported by **slides (PowerPoint)** prepared in accordance with the specifications and guidelines set out on **page 7** of this announcement.

The electronic presentation (PowerPoint) must be submitted **no later than Friday, 07 May 2026**, to the following email: **waterinnovators@eoalemesos.org.cy**

Expression of Interest

The form below must be submitted no later than 30 November 2026, to the email address: **waterinnovators@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 <u>not</u> affect participation in the Competition in any way)

□ I wish to receive future Water Innovators Competition announcements.

□ I wish to receive updates on promotional activities related to the Water Innovators Competition.

□ I wish to receive future announcements and updates on promotional activities related to the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition, addressed to secondary and technical school students.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Details

Student 1

Full Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Student 1 Declaration

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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 1 Declaration

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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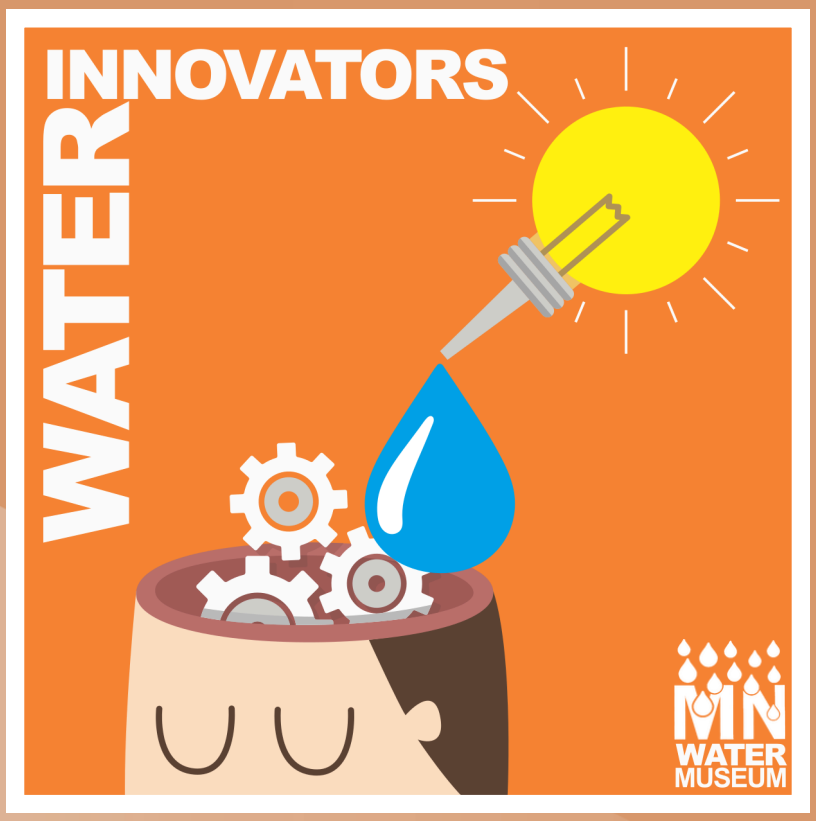
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**.

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 Water Innovators Competition and/or the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.



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