

“COMPOSTELA GROUP SUSTAINABILITY AWARD”

RULES

I. AIM

The “Compostela Group Sustainability Award” has the objective of recognizing the work that the universities of the Compostela Group of Universities undertake in this field.

It aims to promote innovation and the consolidation of sustainable projects developed by the higher education institutions of the network, as well as supporting them and acknowledging their worth and significant social role.

The initiative takes place in the framework of the CGU Strategic Plan 2024-2027, in accordance with the internal policies of the network and European directives regarding sustainability and sustainable development.¹

II. AWARD

A single award will be given to the best sustainable project of a member university of the CGU network. The award comprises **academic and economic recognition** granted by the CGU.

This recognition consists of a financial grant of **1800 euros gross**, a diploma and the dissemination of the award. The financial grant will be transferred to the CGU member higher education institution receiving the award. The transfer will be made before the end of the year to the institution's bank account and will be used to expand and develop the winning project or other sustainability-related projects.

Other runner-up prizes may be awarded to finalist projects that stand out for their quality and innovation.

¹ Directive (EU) 2024/1760 of the European Parliament and Council, of June 13th of 2024, about due diligence of the businesses regarding sustainability and by which it modifies the Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and the Regulation (EU) 2023/2859.

III. PRESENTATION OF CANDIDACIES

The **candidacies** may be proposed by the member and associate institutions of the Compostela Group of Universities. To this end, they will present one or more of their own projects that have already been approved or are currently underway. The projects must be geared towards achieving one or more Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) with proven implementation and good practices.

Candidacies will only be accepted through the **online official form**, and must be accompanied by the following documentation:

1. **Presentation video of the nominated project.**
2. **Letter/s of support of the candidacy**, of the proposing university, other associates of the CGU or other legal entities.

The period for proposing nominations opens on 1st January each year and closes two months before the date on which the general assembly for that year's call is held.

IV. SELECTION OF FINALISTS. VOTING.

Candidacies received within the deadline that meet the requirements will be accepted for processing. A specialized committee will be responsible for carrying out the qualitative pre-selection of the finalist candidacies.

The winner will be selected through a live presentation of the finalist candidacies at the Compostela Connection session on sustainability during the annual general assembly. The presentation will be given by a representative of the nominating institution and will last no longer than 10 minutes, using whatever means they deem appropriate.

The vote will be cast *in situ* between the participants and attending people of the aforementioned session. Votes will be cast digitally via a mobile app or via the paper ballot system, whichever is most appropriate to the circumstances. The candidate receiving the most votes will be declared the winner, and the candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will come in second and third place.

In the event of a tie, the members of the CGU Executive Committee participating in the Working Group on Sustainability shall decide the casting vote by majority.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER AND HANDING OUT OF RECOGNITIONS

Both the winning candidacy and the finalists will be announced and will receive their certificates of recognition at the general assembly.

VI. ACCEPTANCE OF THE GUIDELINES

Participation in this call implies the acceptance of all of its guidelines. The proposing person will be the only responsible regarding any arisen complaint related to the copyright/image rights of the people appearing in their recordings or used materials.

In accordance with the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and guarantee of digital rights, and the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, the participants, by means of their signature in the sign-up form, consent to the treatment of their personal data, related to the proceedings of the competition, by the CGU.

All videos presented alongside the nomination will be from then on property of the CGU, and they may be used for promotion, for its diffusion in meetings and events of the CGU and in the web, profiles/groups, social media or other diffusion platforms of the CGU.

The CGU does not take responsibility for any problems of technical, hardware, software or other nature, of any type caused by third parties, nor related to lost items, electronic failures, incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate communications or delays caused by the user or by any other equipment or programming associated or used, or by any human mistake, or other, that may take place during the present call.

VII. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Everything related to the organization of the award (information, correspondence, interpretation of the guidelines of the call, etc.) is competency of the CGU secretariat, with the collaboration of the Working Group related to the sustainability of the network.

*Note: The guidelines of this Award have been edited in English and Spanish. In case of discrepancies or misunderstanding in their interpretation, the Spanish version will always take priority.