

## EIT InnoEnergy 2021 Photo Contest rules

### Who can participate:

**Professional contest:** To take part in the event you must receive an invitation from EIT InnoEnergy, then register and fill out the form and upload your photos on the EIT InnoEnergy 2021 Photo Contest web page.

**Amateur contest:** Anyone with an interest in sustainable energy is welcome to submit an entry into the competition.

### Timeline:

All entries must be submitted by 20 August, 2021.

### Acceptable photos:

Cropped photos are eligible in all categories, and minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable for all categories.

### Unacceptable photos:

Digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos will not be accepted. If the judges determine that a photographer has altered their photo beyond minor adjustments, they reserve the right to disqualify it.

Similarly, entrants whose photos *depict other people's work* (such as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works) may need to obtain a release from the rights holder and provide it to EIT InnoEnergy upon request. When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's creation.

Photographs that have won other major photo contests, either online or in print, are not eligible for submission. We define winning as having won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including, but not limited to, copyright, are not eligible.

### Recommended photo quality:

<https://tbb.innoenergy.com/innoenergy-photo-contest/>

You may submit no more than two photographs per category and we do not accept more than one contestant per email address.

In order to be displayed in our online gallery without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpg or .gif format, edited for web, at least 2,000 pixels wide and no larger than 10 MB. High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable.

**If your photo is nominated for an award:**

All nominated finalists will be asked to submit an original, unedited digital file or an original negative, print or slide. The original negative print or slide will be returned to finalists after the competition. EIT InnoEnergy reserves the right to disqualify incomplete entries and/or contestants who are unable to submit, upon request, a high-resolution photograph of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels on the longest side or an original photo negative, print or slide. Mobile photographs are exempt from this size requirement but must be submitted at their highest resolution upon request.

EIT InnoEnergy may collect a photograph's metadata upon entry.

**Copyright (Applies only to awarded photos):**

You as the photographer are the copyright holder and you retain your rights to your photograph.

For awarded photographs only, you grant InnoEnergy (and those authorised by InnoEnergy) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any InnoEnergy purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of its website, exhibition, and products, including but not limited to InnoEnergy publications.

**Judging:**

Photo entries will be judged based on how creative they are, their quality, originality, how well they relate to the themes, as well as overall impact.

All prizes will be awarded according to the judges ratings. All participants will be notified of whether they will receive an award or not by 4 November 2021.

InnoEnergy will notify winners using the contact information provided in the form, InnoEnergy may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days.

Information about the winners and a link to all final photos will be added to the Photo Contest web page after the event. All nominated photos will be displayed at the TBB event in Berlin. The winners will also be formally announced during the event. In the meantime, we ask that you please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging process.

**Terms and conditions of the contest:**

All entrants hold the Sponsors and their respective regents, directors, officers, employees, emeriti, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. EIT InnoEnergy reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, EIT InnoEnergy reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. EIT InnoEnergy reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Decisions made by EIT InnoEnergy regarding the contest results are final and binding.

Photos that contain sexually explicit, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by EIT InnoEnergy in its sole discretion, are ineligible for all categories of this contest.

Please note, by submitting an entry, you agree to the rules of the contest and EIT InnoEnergy's terms and conditions.

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