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OPEN CALL
for applications for the
2021 Golden Bee Award



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I GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE OPEN CALL

1 Name and registered office of the organiser

The Golden Bee Award Committee (hereinafter: Committee), Dunajska cesta 22, SI – 1000 Ljubljana, is calling for applications for the 2021 Golden Bee Award.

The funds for the call for applications are provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia.

2 Legal basis for the call for applications

On the basis of the Golden Bee Award Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No. 36/21, hereinafter: Act) and the Rules on the Golden Bee Award of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No. 64/21, hereinafter: Rules), the Committee is launching an open call for applications for the 2021 Golden Bee Award (hereinafter: Call).

The Call is published in Slovenian and English.

3 Purpose and subject of the Call

The subject of the Call is the submission of applications for the 2021 Golden Bee Award (hereinafter: Award), the highest national award of the Republic of Slovenia for outstanding achievements in relation to the protection of bees and other pollinators, raising awareness of their importance for sustainable agriculture, ensuring food security, preserving the environment and biodiversity, and cultural heritage and human health.

The purpose of the Call is to highlight the contribution of individuals, legal entities or international organisations in order to motivate the public and raise awareness and visibility of the long-term importance of the conservation and protection of bees and other pollinators.

4 Eligible recipients of the Golden Bee Award

The award may be given to a citizen of the Republic of Slovenia or a foreign national, a legal person or other organisation established in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad, or an international organisation (hereinafter: Award Recipient). The Award Recipient receives a cash prize and a certificate.

The Committee gives the Award for a contribution of outstanding importance in relation to the promotion of bees and other pollinators.

Article 4 of the Act stipulates that the Award may be given to the same natural or legal person or organisation only once and may not be given posthumously.

5 Award period

The Golden Bee Award is given for the calendar year 2021 and for a specific topic.

The Award Recipient receives a cash prize and a certificate. The Award is given by the Committee and presented by the President of the Republic of Slovenia on 20 December 2021.



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The Award Recipient is announced on the central website of the Slovenian state administration, on the websites of international organisations and on the website www.worldbeeday.org.



6 Awarding authority

The Award Recipient is chosen by the Committee. In accordance with Article 11 of the Act, the Committee has decided to award a cash prize of EUR 28,000 for 2021, to be paid to the Award Recipient's bank account after the official presentation of the Award.

The Committee's decision on the amount of the cash prize and the Award Recipient is final.

7 Application submission deadline and application review

The application form for the Award is available on the central website of the Slovenian state administration, on the websites of representative international organisations (such as www.fao.org) and on the website www.worldbeeday.org.

The Call will be open up to and including Thursday, 30 September 2021.

Applications may be submitted at any time from the date of publication of the Call until the application submission deadline by one of the following:

- By regular post in a sealed envelope to the address:
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food
Dunajska 22
1000 Ljubljana – Slovenia
marked "**2021 Golden Bee**".
The name and surname of the sender and the address of the sender must be indicated on the envelope.
- Applications may also be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "2021 Golden Bee" at the mailroom of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Dunajska 22, 1000 Ljubljana, during office hours.
- The application may also be sent by e-mail to:
gp.mkgp@gov.si
whereby the application must be made and submitted in the same way as if it were sent by regular post, i.e. by writing "2021 Golden Bee" in the subject line of the e-mail and providing the sender's contact details in the body of the e-mail, with attached scans of complete forms signed by hand or electronically, if the applicant uses an electronic signature.

In the event that the Committee finds an application to be incomplete, the applicant will be invited to supplement it. The deadline for supplementing the application must not exceed eight (8) days or be shorter than three (3) days.

The Committee will only consider applications that are complete and were submitted on time.

Applications may be submitted in Slovenian or in English (only if the applicant is not from the Republic of Slovenia). In the event of discrepancies between the Slovenian and English versions of the Call, the Slovenian version will prevail.

If the Committee receives more than 20 applications, it will appoint a Golden Bee Award Application Review Panel (hereinafter: Panel), which will review and evaluate the



applications received and, in accordance with Article 6 of the Act, make a priority list of up to ten nominees for the Award for the Committee.

The Committee's decision on the Award Recipient is final.

8 Person responsible for providing information at the time of publication of the Call

For further information concerning the Call, please refer to the contact person at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food:

Andrea Mugerle, namely by e-mail at andrea.mugerle@gov.si or telephone on +386 1 478 93 15 (during the ministry's office hours).

II GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS ON PREPARING APPLICATIONS

1 Preparation and submission of an application

The application must be prepared in Slovenian or English and in line with the provisions of this Call.

The applicant must submit the application either in electronic or paper format.

A single applicant may submit an application for more than one nominee for the Award, in which case a separate application form must be submitted for each nominee.

The application must include all the forms specified in Section IV of this Call. The forms must be completed in full. In the fields marked, the applicant must enter the required information and tick the appropriate boxes. The applicant must not delete mandatory elements of the forms.

Forms 1, 2 and 3 must be completed correctly, and Forms 1 and 3 must be signed by the applicant and the nominee, and stamped (if the applicant/nominee uses a stamp) in the appropriate places on the forms.

The applicant should also take into account the eligibility criteria.

Form 1: Application form

- 1.1. **Confirmation of the conditions and criteria of the Call.** Indicate (mark the box with an X) that you understand the conditions and criteria of the Call and have attached to your application a signed statement by the nominee for the Award.
- 1.2. **General information** In the table below, please provide general information about the contribution/achievement – e.g. a person's life work, achievement, contribution, project, implementation period, country, person responsible and partners involved, field and financial resources.
- 1.3. The **applicant** may be a natural person, a legal person or a body governed by public law whose activity concerns the protections of bees and other pollinators and raising awareness of their importance (Article 3 of the Act).



1.4. Indicate the person who will supplement the application, if necessary. Fill in this section only if the applicant (referred to in point 1.3.) is a legal person.

1.5. A nominee for the Award may be a citizen of the Republic of Slovenia or a foreign national, a legal person or other organisation established in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad, or an international organisation (Article 4 of the Act). Please include in the table the following details about the nominee: name of the natural or legal person, academic title (if any), date and place of birth of the natural person or establishment of the legal person, permanent residence of the natural person or address of the legal person and correspondence address (e-mail, telephone).

If the applicant submits an application for more than one nominee for the Award, they must submit a separate application form for each nominee.

1.6. Field for which the 2021 Golden Bee Award is given. Indicate the field for which the Award will be given in 2021 – this is to confirm that you are aware of the topic of the Award for which you submitted an application.

1.7. Brief introduction of the nominee. Please provide a brief introduction of the nominee who is competing for the Award

1.8. Verification. A statement by the applicant that by submitting the application they confirm they have read, understood and complied with the general conditions and criteria relating to the Award.

Form 2: Reasoning

The recommended length of the reasoning, excluding attachments, is indicated under each question. Please answer the questions and provide reasons for your choice of nominee, as the latter will be taken into account in the evaluation of the applications received.

2.1 Originality and visibility of the project/achievement in society. In a short description, summarise what the project/achievement is about and why it is relevant to the topic of the Award. Briefly highlight the results and indicate whether the project/achievement is an inspiration to society or offers a visionary look to the future.

2.2 Contribution of the project/achievement to raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators. Describe how the project/achievement contributes to the different dimensions of sustainable development (economic/social/environmental aspect). Indicate how sectoral and development decisions have been promoted to raise awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators.

2.3 Promotion and conservation of bees and other pollinators. Summarise all the key communication elements of the project/achievement that contribute to promoting the conservation of bees and other pollinators to the general public. Describe if and how vulnerable groups (such as children, adolescents, the elderly, people with disabilities, etc.) were included and how their role in the conservation of bees and other pollinators has been strengthened. Indicate whether the project/achievement has the potential to become universally applicable, create a catalytic effect (e.g. transfer of the project idea to other fields) and strengthen partnerships in the context of networking.



2.4 New methods and (non-)technological developments and the scientific and research contribution of the project/achievement with regard to bees and other pollinators. Indicate the contribution of the project/achievement to the further development of science or the discipline in the context of (non-)technological development and the scientific and research contribution with regard to bees and other pollinators. Include information on citations in specialised or scientific literature. Describe whether the project/achievement contributes to the development of new models, materials, methods, etc.

2.5 Impact on the recognition and protection of the role of bees and other pollinators in ensuring food security, sustainable agriculture and nature conservation. Briefly describe whether the activities of the project/achievement directly contribute to ensuring food security, influence changes to dietary habits and have a direct impact on sustainable agriculture and nature conservation.

2.6 Horizontal effects on cultural heritage conservation, health, tourism promotion and economic stimulation. Describe how the project/achievement contributes to cultural heritage conservation in the context of sustainable urban or rural development. Indicate whether there are any activities with a direct or indirect positive impact on human health and medicine. Also indicate whether the activities of the project/achievement have any impact on the economy, tourism or contribute to and promote synergies with other policies.

2.7 Further information on the project/achievement. Provide links to more detailed information on the project/achievement and indicate any awards won.

Form 3: Nominee's statement

This consists of a written statement by the nominee that their data relating to the nomination may be processed and stored for the purpose of the procedures set out in Article 4 of the Act.

**III A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applications are evaluated by the Committee, which reviews only applications that are complete and were submitted on time. Each member of the Committee evaluates each application and the final score is the sum of all the points received. Each member of the Committee may award a maximum of 100 points per application.

In the event that the Committee receives more than 20 applications for the Award, the Committee will appoint an Award Application Review Panel that will make a priority list of up to ten nominees for the Award, based on more detailed criteria determined by the Committee (as follows from Article 6 of the Act).

When evaluating applications, the Committee and the Panel refer to the following detailed criteria:

CRITERIA for evaluation		Max No. of points	No. of points awarded
Originality and visibility of the project/achievement in society.	It is inspiring, visionary and relevant to the topic of the Award. The results are clear and the idea is innovative, clearly defined, and encourages networking and partnerships.	10	
Contribution of the project/achievement to raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators	Activities were identified relating to the promotion of sectoral and development decisions that contribute to the different dimensions of sustainable development; the described activities demonstrate direct economic and social effects and contribute to the general environmental consciousness of the public by raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators.	20	
Promoting the conservation of bees and other pollinators	Communication and promotion activities are practical, clear and have a direct impact on promoting the conservation of bees and other pollinators. Inclusion of vulnerable groups, catalytic effects and strengthening partnerships through networking.	30	
New methods and (non-)technological developments and the scientific and research contribution of the project/achievement with regard to bees and other pollinators	It actively and concretely reflects (non-)technological developments, links its activities to other scientific research projects or achievements, provides models or solutions, is cited.	10	
Impact on the recognition and protection of the role of bees and other pollinators in ensuring food security, the protection of bees and other pollinators, the impact on sustainable agriculture and	Impact on sustainable agriculture and nature conservation. Direct contribution of the project/achievement to ensuring food security and changing dietary habits in society.	20	



nature conservation			
Horizontal effects on cultural heritage conservation, health, tourism promotion and economic stimulation	Contribution of the project/achievement to cultural heritage conservation and a positive effect on human health and medicine. Impact on cultural heritage conservation, health, the economy, tourism or contribution to and promotion of synergies with other policies.	10	

IV FORMS

The applicant must submit the application either in electronic or paper format by the deadline.

The application is complete only if it contains all the forms that are completed in full and signed (as indicated below), or signed and stamped by the legal representative (if the applicant uses a stamp).

If the application is incomplete or does not contain all the elements listed below and required in the Call even after the request for supplementation, the application will not be considered.

An application is considered to be complete if it contains the following forms:

- **Form 1: Application form** (completed and signed)
- **Form 2: Application justification** (completed)
- **Form 3: Nominee's statement** (completed and signed)

Forms 1 and 3 must also be stamped if the applicant is a legal person.

**Form 1: APPLICATION FORM**

Please read the conditions and criteria carefully before filling in the application form. The application should be completed carefully and provide key information.

1.1. I hereby confirm that I understand the conditions and criteria of the Call and have attached to my application, in addition to this form, the following completed forms (mark with an X):

Reasoning

Signed statement by the nominee for the Award

1.2. General information:

Achievement/project title	
Timeframe	
Country	
Person responsible for the achievement/project	
Partner(s)	
Field	
Financial resources	

1.3. Applicant¹:

Name of the natural or legal person or body governed by public law	
Address	
Country	
Telephone	
E-mail	

1.4. Person responsible for supplementing the application – if the applicant is a legal person

Contact person	
Address	
Country	
Telephone	
E-mail	

¹The applicant is obliged to obtain the nominee's personal data with their consent, in accordance with 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 and repealing Directive 95/46/EC.

**1.5. Nominee for the Award**

Name of the natural or legal person or body governed by public law	
Academic title (if any)	
Permanent residence of the natural person or address of the legal person	
Date and place of birth of the natural person or establishment of the legal person	
Correspondence address	
Telephone	
E-mail:	

1.6. Field for which the Award will be given in 2021

In 2021, the Award will be given for achievements in the field of:

Promotion of bees and other pollinators

(Please mark the box of the field for which the Award is given with an X – this is to confirm that you are aware of the topic of the Award)

1.7. Brief introduction of the nominee for the Award*a maximum of 700 characters or 100 words*

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1.8. Verification

By signing the application form, I, the applicant under point 1.3., declare and confirm that I have understood and complied with the general conditions and award criteria in preparing the application (in paper/electronic format).

I also declare and confirm that the information provided in the application form is true and complete and can be substantiated.

(Name (and surname) of the applicant) _____

Date and place _____

(Signature) _____
(and stamp, if the applicant is a legal person)

**Form 2: REASONING**

Please answer all the questions in the criteria section, as the answers below are also evaluated and scored.

2.1. Originality and visibility of the project/achievement in society

Summarise the main points. How is the project/achievement relevant to the topic of the Award? Briefly indicate the results, the inspiration for the idea, future prospects, etc. (a maximum of 1,300 characters or 200 words)

2.2. Contribution of the project/achievement to raising awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators

With regard to the project/achievement described above, what is the contribution to the different dimensions of sustainable development (economic/social/environmental aspects)? Indicate how sectoral and development decisions have been promoted to raise awareness of the importance of bees and other pollinators. (a maximum of 700 characters or 100 words)

2.3. Promotion of the conservation of bees and other pollinators

Summarise the key communication elements and describe if and how vulnerable groups were included and how their role in the project/achievement was strengthened. Briefly indicate the potential universal applicability and catalytic effect, and the partnerships established through networking. (a maximum of 1,300 characters or 200 words)

2.4. New methods and (non-)technological developments and the scientific and research contribution of the project/achievement with regard to bees and other pollinators

How did the project/achievement contribute to the further development of science or the discipline in the context of (non-)technological development and the scientific and research contribution? Indicate any citations in specialised or scientific literature and contributions of the project/achievement to the development of new models, materials, methods, etc. (a maximum of 700 characters or 100 words)



2.5. Impact on the recognition and protection of the role of bees and other pollinators in ensuring food security, sustainable agriculture and nature conservation

Briefly describe whether the activities of the project/achievement directly contribute to ensuring food security, influence changes to dietary habits and have a direct impact on sustainable agriculture and nature conservation. (a maximum of 1,300 characters or 200 words)

2.6. Horizontal effects on cultural heritage conservation, health, tourism promotion and economic stimulation

How does the project/achievement contribute to cultural heritage conservation in the context of sustainable urban or rural development? Are there any activities with a direct or indirect positive impact on human health and medicine? Indicate also other activities of the project/achievement that have a potential impact on the economy and tourism or contribute to and promote synergies with other policies. (a maximum of 700 characters or 100 words)

2.7. Further information on the project/achievement

Provide website links and information on awards won. (a maximum of 700 characters or 100 words)



Form 3: NOMINEE'S STATEMENT

With my signature, I declare and confirm that the information provided in the application form is true and complete and can be substantiated.

I declare and confirm that my data relating to the nomination may be processed and stored for the purpose of the procedures set out in Article 3 of the Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No. 36/21).

I declare and confirm that, in the event I receive the Award, my data will be kept permanently.

(Name and surname of the nominee for the Award)

Date and place _____

(Signature) _____

(and stamp, if the nominee is a legal person)