



GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille 2024



Entry conditions

The GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille is an award for important innovations in gardening, landscaping and sports ground construction. The awarded medal promotes and recognizes the successful, innovative development of new and advanced solutions to problems using products or processes (hereinafter referred to as products) for the construction and maintenance of landscaped areas.

In particular, products intended to maintain and preserve biodiversity and to support sustainability-related climate protection are of interest in the present exhibition year.

The GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille is awarded by Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau e. V. (BGL), Bad Honnef, the GaLaBau Trade Fair sponsor, at the proposal of "GaLaBau Assessment Committee for Innovations in Gardening, Landscaping and Sports Ground Construction", which is appointed by BGL. The organization is handled by GaLaBau-Service GmbH (GBS), Bad Honnef.

The following conditions apply to participation, assessment and award:

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. Exhibitors

Eligible for entry are exhibitors at GaLaBau 2024 in Nuremberg from 11th to 14th September 2024. This should normally be the manufacturer of the product. If this is not the case, the exhibitor is obliged to submit his application with the agreement of the manufacturer. The applicant/exhibitor is responsible for observing any matters concerning proprietary rights.

1.2 Products

1.2.1 In principle, all products exhibited at GaLaBau 2024 are eligible for entry; they have to fulfill the assessment criteria specified under nos. 3.1 and 3.2. Excluded from an assessment application are the following product groups:

- plants, parts of plants;
- seeds;
- fertilizers;
- art and sculptures.

1.2.2 The products must, where required, comply with the product liability laws and the relevant EU approved regulations in force (e.g. declaration of conformity, CE Verification, additional GS Verification for German products).

Proof of compliance, respectively an equivalent statement must be provided.

The environmentally friendly production as well as the environmentally friendly disposal of the products after the use phase must be ensured in accordance with the present state of knowledge.

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1.2.3 Products having already been assessed at previous GaLaBau trade fairs will only be admitted for new assessment if they have meanwhile undergone a **significant** further development.

Proof of compliance must be provided.

1.2.4 Every exhibitor can enter several products.

The individual products must significantly differ from each other. Minor modifications or additional attachments will not be considered as significant differences.

2. APPLICATION

The last day on which applications can be handed in is

1st August 2024.

Applications can be filed online at www.galabau.de/innovationsmedaille.aspx

Only complete applications submitted before the deadline will be assessed.

This includes

- ◆ **a fully completed application form;**
- ◆ **proof of product liability as per Item 1.2.2**
e. g. declaration of conformity and CE-Verification,
additional GS-Verification for German products
- ◆ **additional information with the necessary data describing the product, from which the innovative design of the product is clearly recognizable**
e. g. operating instructions,
technical data sheet,
assembly instructions/instructions for use,
material/product descriptions,
brochures, photos, etc.

3. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The products entered will be assessed by the "GaLaBau Assessment Committee for Innovations in Gardening, Landscaping and Sports Ground Construction" appointed by the BGL.

3.1 According to the assessment criteria innovations are:

Products which

- 3.1.1 are completely novel and cannot be compared with any previously known product
or
- 3.1.2 are innovative with respect to important functional elements of an already practice-proven product. Such a major further development has to fulfill the criteria listed at 3.2 to an outstanding degree.
- 3.1.3 The innovative design of a product already in use does not justify assessment within the meaning of the innovation medal.

3.2 The following criteria will also be assessed:

- 3.2.1 The product simplifies and/or improves organizational procedures in an office and/or on landscape-gardening construction sites
- 3.2.2 the product simplifies and/or improves the working conditions and/or the processes on landscape-gardening construction sites
- 3.2.3 the product improves the quality of work on landscape-gardening construction sites
- 3.2.4 the product increases performance
- 3.2.5 the product is an improvement from the ecological, sustainable point of view.

4. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

The assessment procedure is divided into two phases.

4.1 **Phase 1**

A preselection procedure based on the submitted application documents takes place. Applicants, whose product does not comply with the conditions and is eliminated after detailed inspection by the assessment committee during the preselection phase, will be notified early – at the beginning of September 2024.

4.2 **Phase 2**

Products admitted to the final selection procedure will be inspected by the assessment committee at the applicant's exhibition stand. This inspection aims at obtaining supplementary information and evaluation. The concluding and final assessment is based on the results of Phase 1 and the inspection.

The viewing takes place on Tuesday, 10th September 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Each applicant, whose product is to be viewed, will be informed in due time about the exact hour of viewing. Machines/appliances may require a practical demonstration in the open-air exhibition ground.

For the viewing appointment the exhibitor **has to**

- exhibit the product such that it is ready for operational use, exhibit machines/appliances for a demonstration in the open-air exhibition ground so that it/they can be viewed, if appropriate, in action, and evaluated,
- to provide for a competent contact person with all required information on the product.

5. AWARD

The successful applicants and the awards of the GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille 2024 will be announced in writing **on Wednesday, 11th September 2024**, the opening day of GaLaBau 2024, at approx. 8 a.m. before the exhibition opens.

Together with the award notification, each successful applicant will receive approx. ten stickers and a corresponding presentation board which can be attached to the award-winning product. The winners will be invited by the BGL to participate in "Fränkischer GaLaBau-Abend 2024" on Thursday, 12th September 2024, as guests of honour with an accompanying person.

The official awarding ceremony of the GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille 2024 will be carried out by the presidium members of Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau e.V., **on Wednesday, 11th September 2024**, at around 1:00 p.m. at the GaLaBau-Forum of Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau e. V., Hall 3A-111.

Please make sure that a representative of your company is going to be present at the official award ceremony at GaLaBau Experts Forum to receive the GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille 2024.

The names of the award-winning products, their manufacturers and the assessment by the GaLaBau Assessment Committee will be published.

- in the association journal of Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau e.V., LANDSCHAFT BAUEN & GESTALTEN
- on the internet homepage of Bundesverband Garten-, Landschafts- und Sportplatzbau e.V., www.galabau.de
- and passed on to the trade press.
- At central points on the GaLaBau 2024 exhibition grounds, visitors will be informed about the winners of the GaLaBau Innovation Medal 2024 and their award-winning products.
- A cancellation notification will be sent out by e-mail after viewing. Receiving an e-mail on 10th September 2024 consequently means that you will not be awarded a medal.

6. LEGAL NOTICE

The applicant acknowledges the entry conditions by submitting an application. The application form is part of the entry conditions.

Assessment and award of the GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille 2024 excludes recourse to legal proceedings.

The decisions taken by the Assessment Committee for Innovations in Gardening, Landscaping and Sports Ground Construction are not subject to justification.

7. PROMOTIONAL USE OF THE GALABAU-INNOVATIONS-MEDAILLE

The successful applicants are free to use the award for promotional and publicity purposes. All information must only refer to the award-winning product.

The advertising media (stickers, presentation board) are provided free of charge.

The period of use will remain valid until the next GaLaBau trade fair at the latest (in this case: GaLaBau 2026). Award-winning products of previous GaLaBau trade fairs must no longer be marked as such at the current GaLaBau (in this case: GaLaBau 2024).

8. FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you need any further information, please contact:

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You will also find all information about the GaLaBau-Innovations-Medaille 2024 on the internet at www.galabau.de/innovationsmedaille.aspx