

## Contest: Young people at the wheel

**Build a better world together! International cooperation is no longer far away, it has become your world too. How will you, together with your local partner, change the future? This year, projects with the active involvement of young initiators (pioneers) make a chance of winning a stimulating financial contribution of as much as €5,000, €7,500 or even €10,000! Join your partner organisation and let the world benefit from your ambition.**

### Why do we have this competition?

The future is more uncertain than ever for many people, due to climate change, unemployment, technological developments, and local and geo-political conditions. These uncertainties can logically lead to despondency and paralysis within communities.

In many countries, young people are driving (social) change. We are looking for these young inspiring changemakers in our partner countries, because we believe they are the key to a better and brighter future.

With this award, we put young people in the spotlight who want to bring about change in their communities through a social project, allowing them to look to the future with optimism and hope again. Such a social project could, for instance, focus on education (building a classroom), healthcare (training hospital staff), climate (planting a nursery or trees) or clean energy (solar panels), etc, etc.

### Useful to know

The prize is paid out as an action result. This means that Wilde Ganzen contributes another 1/3 of the premium, provided it fits the submitted project and project budget. So, if you win 5,000 euros, you still stand a chance of winning 2,500 euros of additional premium. Handling of the prize is done through Wilde Ganzen's normal contract process.

Mark Wilde Ganzendag on 9 March 2024 in your agenda. This is because the winners will then present their project. Participants can also pitch their project together with their Dutch and Belgian partners. A preparatory online session prior to the event may be part of the process.

### How can you participate?

Are you between 12 and 26 years old, and are you part of a youth organisation based in one of the OECD\* countries? Do you want to make the world a bit more beautiful, and do you have a great new project idea or an extension of an existing project, in a country on the OECD country list, that was created in a participative way? Read the instruction for participation below and get involved!

\*DAC list <https://www.wildeganzen.nl/samenwerken/voorwaarden/dac-landenlijst>

# Instructions for participation

**Describe your project on up to five A4 pages, or make one video or photo collage.**

Include the following points:

- Name Private Development Initiative (POI) and name Local Partner Organization (LPO).
- E-mail address and phone number of POI and LPO.
- Describe the purpose of this project.
- Describe how the LPO (operating in a country found on the DAC country list) has initiated, implemented and owns the project.
- Describe the various groups in the community that have an interest in the change you are proposing.
- Describe the participatory approach in the partner organization's (school) community in each phase of the project: conceiving the idea, implementation, evaluation and finally, the continuation after the project ends. Replicability of the project.
- Describe the intended activities of the project.
- Describe the intended outcomes of the project and why they are important to the community.
- The project's budget and any other resources (volunteers, paid staff, computer etc).
- Describe how you can create media coverage if you are nominated for this contest.
- Describe how you will publicize any nomination for this contest within your network.
- Will you work with our POI/LPO partners (if you win ) to tell your story at other events?
- Describe the ways in which the POI can support to make this idea as participatory as possible.

Mail the complete project description to [innovatie@wildeganzen.nl](mailto:innovatie@wildeganzen.nl) by the **9<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**. On Wilde Ganzen Day on 9 March 2024, the 10 best entries will be invited to pitch their idea (live or online) to the jury during a special pitch session. The jury will announce the three prize winners on the spot on that day. Even if your project is not among the winners, it can then be submitted to Wilde Ganzen through the regular process.