



Terms & Conditions

Intention of the Better Together Award

The Better Together Award (BTA) is a project on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU), implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and is facilitated by Impact Hub Berlin GmbH (IHB). The BTA aims to promote and highlight the impact and value of collaboration between start-ups, small or medium enterprises (SMEs) or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and local governments jointly implementing innovative solutions for effective climate mitigation and adaptation.

Target Group

The Better Together Award targets teams made up of start-ups, SMEs, NGOs and local governments, nominating at least one representative of each partner organisation, in the field of climate adaptation and mitigation.

Online Application & Documents

Teams must submit their application online via bettertogetheraward.org between 15.02.2019 and 24.03.2019 (23:59 CET). Please review the FAQs prior to your application via bettertogetheraward.org.

The application must be submitted via website bettertogetheraward.org. All fields on the application form must be filled in with the corresponding information in complete sentences or bullet points and in English. References to attachments (e.g. 'see website' or 'see attached documents') or 'no statement' are not permitted and will not be considered. Please note the maximum number of characters in each instance. These fields must be filled in as concisely and comprehensively as possible, taking into account the limited number of characters.

The application will not be considered complete if the following information and documents are not submitted:

1. Incompletely application forms will not be accepted.
2. Applicants must apply in teams, made up of at least one **local government** (local authority, municipality, publicly owned utility provider) and one **innovation partner** (start-up, SME, non-profit / -governmental organisation).



Only complete applications received before the deadline on March 17, 2019 (23:59 CET) will be considered. By submitting an application, the applicant accepts these conditions for participation.

Confirmation of Application

After your application is submitted, you will receive an automatic confirmation of receipt. If you do not, please contact us immediately via email: bettertogether@impacthub.berlin.

Publication of Winning Teams

Winning teams will be publicly announced on the www.bettertogetheraward.org website, including team name, a short description as well as visual material provided by the applicant in the application form.

Selection Process

The selection process is conducted in three stages:

Stage 1: Review of all applications by an internal committee at IHB and creation of a longlist made up of the best 15 applicants.

Stage 2: Video interviews with 15 longlisted applicants and selection of a shortlist of 10 teams by IHB. Video interviews will be conducted end of March / early April of 2019.

Stage 3: A curated jury of international, third-party experts will review the 10 shortlisted applicants and select the five Better Together Award winners.

Jury selection criteria is as follows:

- 1. Impact of the collaborative solution**
- 2. Quality of the collaboration**
- 3. Innovativeness of the solution**
- 4. Scalability**

Applicants that do not apply as teams, do not fit the topic of climate action and do not work locally or regionally are automatically disqualified.

The Better Together Award winners will be notified in the last week of April 2019.



Eligibility

Applicants must submit their collaborative innovation in the field of climate adaptation and mitigation as a team of two partners, nominating one representative of each partner to participate in the Better Together Award Program in Berlin (16. - 20.05.2019) and Heidelberg (21. - 23.05.2019).

We accept applications from any country or region in the world.

Applicants must be 18 years or older.

Award

Winning teams will receive:

- Travel costs and accommodation for two representatives - one from each partner organization of the collaboration - to participate in the Better Together Award Program as specified below
- Participation in the Innovation Journey in Berlin (16. - 20.05.2019) and facilitated match-making with potential partners
- Participation in the [ICCA 2019](#) (21 - 23.05.2019)
- The opportunity to pitch their solution at the ICCA 2019 Climate Neighborhoods event and during the Award Ceremony at the ICCA 2019
- Professional video material from their pitches and a video profile of the innovative collaboration featured on the Better Together Award website and for further use by the applicants.
- A special feature as a global lighthouse example in the Better Together Trend Report, launched at the ICCA 2019 and distributed via the networks of international networks for local climate action such as Energy Cities, REN21, SloCAat, Climate Alliance, UN Habitat , ICLEI and more.

Award winners may not transfer the rights of this award to a third party. The award must be used exclusively for the development of the project in the context of the collaboration.

Participation Fee

There will no charging of any participation fees to take part in the Better Together Award.



Cancellation of the Competition, no Entitlement to Participate

IHB reserves the right to cancel this competition at any time. This is particularly true in the event that the public funding of the competition is not provided by the BMU. There is no entitlement to participate.

Legal Notice

IHB reserves the right to reject applications that:

- Do not meet the participation criteria;
- Reflect unlawful content (such as pornographic content that violates the rights of third parties, content that glorifies violence or is in any other way inappropriate);
- Include content that violates the law or does not meet our moral principles;
- Are submitted by organisations whose products violate or exhibit the above criteria from competition at any time. The legal recourse is excluded.

Data Protection

IHB assures that all documents will be treated with the utmost confidentiality according to European law (GDPR). All submitted documents will be made available to the juries only for the purpose of conducting the selection process. The juries are bound to secrecy.

By participating in the Better Together Award application process, the applicant agrees that his / her personal data may be used for the purposes of carrying out the selection and that IHB collects, stores and uses data for this purpose and, if necessary, forwards it to third parties.

In accordance with the statutory provisions, every applicant has the right to access his / her personal data, as well as the right to have their data corrected, blocked or deleted. To exercise these rights an email can be sent to datenschutz@impacthub.berlin. Please note that such a revocation would cause us to no longer use the personal data collected for the purpose of this application and may affect the applicant's participation in the competition..

To find more about IHB's data privacy guidelines, please visit <https://berlin.impacthub.net/data-privacy/>



Declaration of Agreement

The applicant declares that he / she has all rights to the submitted documents and agrees to the publication of the documents and their contents (pictures, photos and graphic material, logos etc.) attached to the application on the website www.bettertogetheraward.org. All rights to the submitted documents and contents remain with the applicant.

Video and Audio Recordings

IHB intends to publish photo, video and audio recordings made as part of the Better Together Award ceremony and ICCA 2019 on the Better Together Award and IHB homepages, on social media, in the IHB newsletter, in flyers, and in brochures for the purpose of public relations and documentation either via IHB itself as well as via media and network partners.

Contact Information of Organizer

The Better Together Award is organised by IHB, Friedrichstraße 246, 10969 Berlin, Germany. The operator of the internet platform is also IHB.

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In Germany, the competition is conducted by Impact Hub Berlin GmbH and its partners Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety.

Further information: www.bettertogetheraward.org