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## **German Ecodesign Award 2022: Competition for outstanding ecological design launches Europe-wide**

**Starting today, companies of all sizes and from all sectors, designers and students can apply with their projects for the German Ecodesign Award. The competition is looking for creative design ideas and projects that also meet the highest ecological standards. The Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUV) and the German Environment Agency, together with the International Design Centre Berlin (IDZ), are calling for entries from all over Europe. Applications can be submitted until 18 April 2022.**

Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke: „The key to sustainable consumption are the products themselves. Because up to 80 percent of a product's environmental impact is predetermined by its design. If electrical appliances are easy to disassemble and repair, they will be used longer and not replaced so quickly by new goods. This saves resources and greenhouse gas emissions and is easy on consumers' wallets. The German Ecodesign Award combines excellent design with environmental and consumer protection."

UBA President Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner: "Climate protection is only possible with consistent resource saving. Ecodesign plays a central role in this, because the climate and environmental impacts of products and services are significantly shaped in the design process. With the German Ecodesign Award, we will again promote outstanding pioneers in 2022".

The evaluation of the submissions is carried out in a multi-step process by a committee of design and environmental experts as well as by a renowned jury. The award is given to projects that convince with an outstanding environmental and design quality as well as an innovative approach. On 5 December 2022, the winners will be honoured and publicly announced at the award ceremony at the Federal Ministry for the Environment.

Since 2012, the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the German Environment Agency have been running the German Ecodesign Award annually in cooperation with the International Design Centre Berlin. The highest state award for ecological design is granted in four categories: product, service, concept and young talent. The IDZ is responsible for the development and implementation of the competition.

### **Further information**

[Application form](#)

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[Competition presented in video](#)

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