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European Young
Heritage Entrepreneur
of the Year 2026
EHH NextGen Prize

Application



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This EHH NextGen Prize rewards the spirit of sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship amongst young owners or future owners of historic houses!

First Prize: 5000€

Submission Deadline: March 13th.
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About

The European Young Heritage Entrepreneur of the Year Award is a competition launched in 2022 by European Historic Houses (EHH) rewarding leadership in the innovation and sustainability of privately-owned historic houses, gardens and parks by the younger generation.

This idea builds on the important research project “Heritage Houses for Europe” which has been spearheaded by the European Historic Houses Association in partnership with ELO, IDEA Consult and funded by the European Parliament and the European Commission, to identify current trends and future solutions with regard to best-practice in management and preservation of family-owned built heritage.

Thanks to the reach of our partners, the competition also connects more widely with those in aligned sectors such as private wealth management, property management, governance, art and antiquities.

Criteria

To participate, young historic property owners or future owners (under 45 years old) must submit their project developing sustainable heritage in private ownership. These can be commercial, educational, community or large-scale restoration projects. They can also be a member of a family (>45 years old) which owns a historic house where the younger generation is managing the proposed project.

Finally, the entrant shall be a member of one of EHH Member Associations.

Submission

To be eligible, the project shall have been successfully finished and the entrants shall be able to demonstrate tangible results. In order to submit, all entries shall be done through the registration link. Participants can nominate themselves, or be nominated by someone else, but all proceedable applications shall submit a short form entry including images, outline of the project scope, and information relating to the general outcomes of the project (both financial, social and for heritage in general).

The winner shall display a deep understanding and passion for the heritage sector and be able to demonstrate not only innovative thinking in relation to supporting an aspect of the future sustainability (especially financial sustainability) of heritage, but also tangible successes in this regard. The manner in which the winner will be determined shall be at the exclusive discretion of the jury.

The nominated projects will be included in the award booklet (text and pictures).

Selection process

A jury will select the winner and two finalists among the applications. Their decision will be announced latest beginning of April 2026.

Invitation

The winner and the finalists will be contacted by EHH to inform them of the Jury’s decision. The winner is invited to participate in the NextGen Conference in Perth, Scotland, on April 25th, 2026, where the prize will be awarded.

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[Submit your Project here](#)

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