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VerSus International Student Competition:

Lessons from Vernacular Heritage for Sustainable Architecture.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Who can participate

Architecture | building engineering undergraduate students and recent graduates (MS Degree), from around the world. Recent graduates are eligible just if **graduated after December 31st, 2011**.

Participant can form up **teams with up to three people.**

2. Project goal and tools.

Each participant team has to propose one project – case study taking into consideration the 3 categories below listed (please see 3).

The project goal will be to find sustainable architectural solutions typical of vernacular architecture, in response to common contemporary building design issues.

Students have to apply in their proposals the **Project VerSus operative research approach** as on the VerSus booklet given as reference**.**

3. Project categories

Teams can apply on three different categories, each one taking into consideration a different design scale:

4.1 Urban scale and landscape design;

4.2 Buildings;

4.3 Building construction systems.

The project can concern indifferently new building or rehabilitation/requalification.

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4. Documentation Format

This is **a paperless competition**, all submitted material has to be sent in a digital format.

Drawing and report template must be used. They will be available at **http://www.esg.pt/versus/competition.**

Participants are free to choose how to express and represent their ideas

Drawings must be submitted in two ISO 216 A1 (594 x 841 mm | 23,39 x 33,11 inches) boards, .pdf format, orientation: portrait, definition: 300 dpi.

A short report must be submitted in .pdf format, ISO 216 A4 (210 x 297 mm | 8,27 x 11,69 inches), orientation: portrait, ,definition: 300 dpi.

4.1 Board 1: Analysis and Concepts

Board 1 must contain the case study presentation; its analysis obtained using the **Project VerSus operative research approach**; the vernacular architecture solutions found should be highlighted.

4.2 Board 2: Project and Solutions

Board 2 must contain the project presentation.

4.3 General and technical report

The report must be submitted in pdf A4 format, max 2 pages.

5. Application procedure

The call will be open from May 6th ,2014 to **July 15th, 2014. The registration form is available at the competition website.**

The registration form must be completed and sent per email to **projectversus.competition@gmail.com** by **June 15th**, **2014** [11.59 pm Greenwich time (GMT+0)].

Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation message together with an **alphanumeric string of characters to be used as identification on all documents delivered**.

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6. Participation Fee

30 € | each group

Payment method:

Money transfer to:

IBAN: IT14001015048000000070300201 BIC/SWIFT: SARDIT31

Please indicate VerSus Competition and your alphanumeric code as reason of payment.

7. Official language

English

8. Submission

During the whole call opening period participants can send the related documentation using e-mail or use cloud storage systems (Dropbox, Google Drive, Skydrive). Entries will have to be uploaded at **projectversus.competition@gmail.com**.

Participants must upload one single file .zip or .rar format named with the alphanumeric string issued during the application procedure. This file will contain the documents requested (please see 4).

Once the uploaded records will be processed, the competition staff will anonymously transfer the entries to the jury and will send a notification of reception to each participant.

Each submitted document (boards and report) **will contain the** assigned **alphanumeric code** and the reading order (ABCD1234-Report; ABCD1234-Plate 01, ABCD1234-Plate 02 and ABCD1234-Plate 03). Code and plate number must be placed in the indicated rectangular box indicated in the template.

The name of participants should never appear on the submitted documents nor on the filenames. Disregard will cause disqualification and exclusion from the competition.

9. Schedule

- Registration opening: **6th May** 2014
- Deadline for registration **15th June** 2014
- Deadline for questions **15th June** 2014
- **End of submission: 15st July** 2014
- Announcement of winners: **31 st July** 2014
- **Award Ceremony and Exhibition: 11th September 2014 at VerSus 2014 | 2nd Mediterra | 2nd ResTAPIA**

10. Notification of results

The awarding report and motivation will be published on **the official website http://www.esg.pt/versus/competition** and on Twitter **@VerSusCompet** within the 31st July 2014.

11. Obligations

Registration and submission of entries is a commitment from the participants' part to comply with all the terms and conditions including publication, copyright and intellectual ownership. By submission participants agree to:

- declare on their own responsibility that they are the exclusive owners of the copyright on the projects presented;
- accept and abide by all the rules specified in this announcement;
- give the organizers permission to use and disclose the contents of the projects for publication, whether whole or in part, and also for advertising purposes, quoting the source, without having any claim to copyright;
- participants cannot use, disseminate and show their proposal until the jury will announce the results.

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12. Exclusion

Candidates will be excluded from the Jury's selection if:

- they do not submit the abovementioned material by the deadline;
- they are not qualified to participate (paragraph 1);
- the material does not comply with the requirements as in paragraph Documentation format (paragraph 4).

13. Disclaimer

The organizing board will not be responsible in any case for delay or cancellation due to unexpected circumstances.

14. Web site and additional information

For any additional information please visit **http://www.esg.pt/versus/competition** or contact the competition staff at **projectversus.competition@gmail.com**

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