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**Deutscher Umweltpreis (German Environmental Award)**

The German Environmental Award honours commitments and achievements that contributed decisively to the protection and the preservation of our environment as well as will contribute in future to a clear environmental relief.

**Criteria**

The following criteria characterise the idea of the award:

- The excellent performance primarily should be of model function for other people, enterprises and organisations.
- The achievement to be awarded should contribute to recognising environmental problems early and defusing them by means of suitable precaution and applicability strategies.
- The merits should be so convincing that an imitation effect is achieved. Accordingly, the model character and the applicability in practice should stand in the foreground.
- Innovative, integrated solutions are particularly considered. Co-operation-promoting achievements of interdisciplinary character are dealt with as a matter of priority.

**Endowment and target groups**

The award, endowed with 500.000 €, is directed at people, enterprises and organisations respectively. Projects, measures or also a person's "life's work" can be awarded. The award is given annually and can be shared among several winners.

**Procedure**

The DBU receives the proposals on possible candidates for the German Environmental Award. The following people and institutions are allowed to submit proposals:

- The board of trustees of the DBU
- The Secretary General of the DBU
- All former prize-winners of the German Environmental Award
- Some relevant institutions e.g. trade unions, media, foundations, research institutes, industrial and environmental associations, churches

**Selection of the winners**

The jury, which is nominated by the board of advisors, consists of prominent personalities from economy, science, technology and from societal groupings and submits a recommendation for prize-winners to be awarded to the board of advisors that makes the final decision.