

Background Information



The German Environmental Prize

With its independent **German Environmental Prize (Deutscher Umweltpreis der DBU)**, including the highest financial endowment of any environmental prize in Europe at € 500,000 – which is being presented for the 24th time in 2016 – achievements are recognized which have contributed in an exemplary manner to the protection and preservation of the environment or to substantial future environmental relief. It may be awarded to persons, companies and organizations. The prize may go to projects, measures or life achievements associated with a specific person. Candidates for the German Environmental Prize are proposed by the DBU. Eligibility extends to employers' associations and labor unions, churches, environmental and nature protection organizations, scientific associations and research groups, trade guilds and commercial associations. Self-nominations are not permitted. Each year's prize recipients are recommended to the DBU Board by a jury which the Board names, composed of independent and outstanding experts from business, science, technology and social groups. The DBU Board makes the decision for the winners.