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European Competition E18 – Press release
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The international European Competition E18 on the theme of 'Re-Sourcing: Rethinking Resources' has been decided

252 participants from 19 countries submitted entries at two German locations. The international jury awarded three first prizes, three runners-up and three honourable mentions.

The competition took place at all European locations on the theme of 'Re-Sourcing: Rethinking Resources'. Large and small cities, as well as urban landscapes, are confronted with the challenge of developing the built environment in harmony with natural processes.

The European 18 competition calls on young architects and planners across Europe to try out new design strategies and use them to create projects that make clever use of existing resources – instead of relying on demolition and new construction. Three guiding principles determine the E-18 competition: natural elements as design partners, new ways of living – different spaces, and building with what is already there.

The aim of the competition is to develop ideas for neglected, vacant, empty, stigmatised or monofunctional urban spaces that can transform them back into lively, inclusive and mixed-use urban spaces.

Across Europe, 804 projects were submitted at 47 locations in 12 countries. Germany is represented by the locations Speichersdorf and Regensburg.

Two local juries selected a shortlist for each location. The prizes were decided on 24 October 2025 by a national jury with international members, chaired by Dr (University of Florence) Elisabeth Merk, City Planning Officer for the State Capital of Munich. For the location in Speichersdorf, a municipality with around 6,000 inhabitants, a viable concept was sought for the careful conversion of the existing municipal festival hall from the 1960s. In addition, exemplary solutions were to be found for the municipal area that would strengthen the municipality's resilience to demographic change, economic upheaval and the effects of climate change.

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For the Regensburg site, a concept was sought for a mixed-use, low-traffic, climate-neutral neighbourhood for 5,000 residents. The aim is to create affordable housing by filling a spatial gap in the north of Regensburg. The goal is to create a 15-minute city.

Winning Teams

Regensburg

1st prize: Zam wachsn – Mara Foerster with Hannah Andree, Maxima Schad, Johanna Kern, Moritz Molitor, Susanne Weppler, Sabeth Rosenbrück

Runner up: GreenCityPuzzle – Yannick Güdter with Raphael Stark, Emely Mathes, Julia Hohmann, Tillmann Cornelius Ratajczak, Simon Lach

Honourable mention: Regensburger Nordstern – Lorenz Brösch, Eva Hoppmanns, Johannes Zerfaß

Speichersdorf

1st prize: Erholame Produktionsräume – Hikari Masuyama, Lorenz Junge, Justus Pleil

Runner up: IDEENWERK creative engine – Gregor Wastl, Josef Bader

Honourable mention:

Zwischen Naschgarten und Streuobstwiese – Linus Hermann, Philipp Goertz, Olga Cobuscean

Award ceremony

The national award ceremony will take place as on 5 December 2025 at the Aedes Architecture Forum at Pfefferberg in Berlin.

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Inter-Session Forum

The Intersession Forum in autumn 2026 marks the end of the E18 process and the beginning of the E19 process, which will also focus on the theme of 'Re-Sourcing'.

National Jury

Chair Dr. (Univ. Florence) Elisabeth Merk City Planning Officer of the State Capital of Munich, Board Member of European Deutschland e.V., Munich, DE



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Press kit

All award-winning projects and further information are available in the press kit at: <https://www.europand.de/presse/en/>

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