

Objet: PRIMA WEFE Nexus Awards - Remind for deadline

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We remind you all the PRIMA WEFE Nexus Awards.

The WEFE Nexus Award recognizes “research teams and practitioners” that have devised and demonstrated the successful implementation on the ground of combined management practices of water, energy, food and ecosystem resources in the Mediterranean, at the local, sub-Regional and or regional level.

The deadline for submissions is **17:00 (CET) on 15 June 2021**. All applications must be submitted via the PRIMA submission link: <https://prima-med.org/calls-for-proposals/> (Call: PRIMA WEFE Nexus Award). The contest will reward the first two winners with **EUR 10 000 each**, which will create role models for the adoption and replication of the WEFE integrated approach in the Mediterranean Region.

The contestants for the PRIMA prizes should be at least one legal entity established in a PRIMA Participant State (check out at: <https://prima-med.org/about-us/participating-states/>). Please read the Rules of Contest before applying.

A jury of independent experts will evaluate the proposals by looking at the following criteria:

- **From results to societal benefits** –demonstrate the wider socio-economic benefits of their proposed practices going beyond a fragmented system of sectors and players;
- **Uptake of solutions** – demonstrate that they have directly exploited their proposed solutions or have played an active role in the uptake of the results by third parties, in particular influencing policy change;
- **Replicability of solutions**- demonstrate the replication and upscaling potential of the proposed Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus solutions.

The first two winners will be announced during the 2021 **WEFE Nexus Science Advances Conference** jointly organised by PRIMA, the Joint Research Centre-JRC and the Directorate General Research and Innovation of the European Commission, the UfM-Union for the Mediterranean, and the Cyprus Institute.

The Conference will be held Online from Nicosia (Cyprus), 27 – 29 September 2021 (More info: <https://wefe-nexus-medconf-2021.eu>).

Do not hesitate to disseminate within your relevant network the info related to the PRIMA Awards. Further update on the WEFE Nexus conference will follow as soon as the agenda will be agreed.

Best regards,
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