STRABAG SE is a European based technology group for construction services, a leader in innovation and financial strength. Its services span all areas of the construction industry and cover the entire construction value chain.

STRABAG ART serves an international art sponsorship with the organisation of the STRABAG ART Award, the exhibition activities at STRABAG ART Site in Vienna and the establishment and care of the STRABAG ART Collection, permanently presented at more than 75 office locations all over Europe.

The STRABAG ART Award spotlights emerging talents in painting and drawing up to 40 years. The award celebrates the future of European art and will be awarded for the 31st time in 2026.

> **Participating countries** 2024-2026

Austria, Germany, Slovenia

Schedule

Online Application: 12–26 Jan 2026

All participants must apply online at strabag.art from 12.–26.1, 2026.

Eligible in the fields of painting and drawing are three works of art (one or multiple parts), which are essential for the jury's decision.

The three chosen works must be explained with a short statement.

Please find details about the application process online.

Preliminary jury

Based on the submissions online, the jury makes a selection for the final jury session. From 19 March 2026, all artists will be notified in writing. The preselected artists will be presented with their artworks at strabag.art

Submission of original works

All nominees submit the three originals specified in the online application. The original artworks should be delivered to the STRABAG offices in Berlin, Cologne. Ljubljana, Munich, Stuttgart or Vienna.

Transport of the artworks to the specific STRABAG building is at the artists' own costs and risk. A collective transport from the specific STRABAG offices to Vienna will be organized by STRABAG ART.

Final jury

The final jury will meet on 23 April 2026 in the STRABAG Haus in Vienna. All nominees will be notified in writing on 24 April 2026.

Return of original works

The returned artworks must be collected at the specific STRABAG offices in Berlin, Cologne, Ljubljana, Munich, Stuttgart or Vienna. The artworks of the five shortlisted artists will remain in Vienna for the group exhibition.

Award ceremony: 25 June 2026

At the award ceremony and the opening of the group exhibition on 25 June 2026 at the STRABAG headquarters in Vienna, the winner and the four recipients of recognition prizes will be announced. A catalogue for the group exhibition will be published.

Schedule overview

12.1. - 26.1.2026

Online Application

19.3.2025 Notification

Mid of April 2026

Submission of the original artworks

23.4.2026

Jury session

End of April 2026

Return of the original artworks

25.6.2026

Award ceremony

Starting September 2026

Solo exhibitions of the winners in Vienna at the STRABAG ART Site

Prize fund

A main prize of

Four recognition prizes of

16.000€

3.000€

In addition, art works of the winners might be purchased for the STRABAG ART Collection.

After the award ceremony and the group exhibition of all prize-winning works, each of the five award winners will have a solo exhibition at ART Studios in Vienna. STRABAG ART Site in Vienna.

The award winners can apply for the Artist-in-Residence-programme at STRABAG

Jury

The jury members of STRABAG Artaward 2026 are art experts from the participating countries:

> Anna-Catharina Gebbers Curator Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin

Alenka Gregorič Artistic director Cukrarna, Ljubljana

Johan Holten Director Kunsthalle Mannheim

Angela Stief Director Albertina Modern, Vienna

Sebastian Haselsteiner Head STRABAG ART, Vienna

Recourse to the law

Eligible to take part are artists from Austria, Germany and Slovenia. Participants must be citizens of one of these three countries or must have been permanently based in one of these countries for at least two years.

In addition, Ukrainian citizens currently residing in one of the participating countries are eligible to participate, regardless of the duration of their stay.

Participants of STRABAG ART Award must be born in or after the year 1986. Parental leave can be taken into account.

Applicants must have an academic artistic education (art academy, art college, university) or comparable professional experience in the gallery and/or museum environment.

All participants accept the findings of the jury. Any recourse to legal action is excluded

Every participant is the copyright holder. The submitted works of art will remain the property of the participant.

The participant agrees that in connection with STRABAG ART Award their submitted works of art may be presented, photographed, printed and published online – unlimited and free-ofcharge.

Submitted works of art must not have been awarded any further public art prize and must be owned by the participant. In the event of receiving the STRABAG ART Award. STRABAG ART will have a right to purchase the submitted artworks. The purchase price is agreed to be the insurance value stated at the time of submission.

The participants are responsible for the accuracy of their information. Due to wrong statements, STRABAG ART may refrain from awarding the prize.

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