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Ammodo Architecture Celebrates 26 Awardees for Socially and Ecologically Responsible Architecture Worldwide

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The second edition of the Ammodo Architecture Award recognises 26 recipients for their exemplary contributions to socially and ecologically responsible architecture. Selected from 168 entries submitted from over 60 countries, the awardees represent a wide range of practices — from established studios to community-led initiatives and collectives. Together, they showcase the rich diversity of global architectural practice and set new standards for social engagement and ecological responsiveness.

Each awardee receives a grant ranging from €10,000 to €150,000 to support the further development of their projects. Beyond providing recognition and financial support, Ammodo Architecture functions as a knowledge platform that connects awardees across regions, facilitates the sharing of insights with a wider public, and highlights key themes and directions emerging from the advisory committee's selection.

The complete list of 2025 awardees can be viewed [here](#) and further below.

Global Award: Common Threads

This year's nominations span six regions — Africa, Asia, Europe, North & Central America, South America, and Southeast Asia & Oceania — reflecting the global reach and diversity of contemporary architectural practice. From Mexico and Austria to Ghana, Bangladesh and China, the selected projects engage both urban and rural contexts, addressing urgent issues such as housing, education, ecological restoration, and collective living.

The awarded projects reveal shared concerns including adaptive reuse, urban rehabilitation, the transmission of traditional crafts and knowledge, and the restoration of ecological systems. Each project not only responds to the specific challenges of its context but also imagines new possibilities for how architecture can connect communities, nurture environments, and enrich lives.

Voices from Ammodo

‘We are deeply encouraged by this year’s selection, which reflects the depth and diversity of architectural thinking today. Each of the 26 awardees shows how architecture can engage with the world – socially, ecologically, and imaginatively.’

Marleen van Driel, Director of Ammodo Architecture.

‘My heartfelt congratulations to all the winners on their remarkable achievements! Their projects and practices are an invaluable addition to our growing catalogue of exemplary socially and ecologically responsible architecture’

Juliette de Wijkerslooth, General Director Ammodo.

A Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee

Awardees were chosen by a global advisory committee chaired by **Joumana El Zein Khoury**, Executive Director of the World Press Photo Foundation, Amsterdam, and including: **Andrés Jaque**, Architect, Dean and Professor, Columbia University GSAPP, New York; **Anupama Kundoo**, Architect and Professor, TU Berlin; **Floris Alkemade**, Architect and former Chief Government Architect of the Netherlands; **Mariam Issoufou**, Architect and Professor, ETH Zurich; and **Loreta Castro Reguera**, Architect and Professor, UNAM Mexico City. Projects were sourced through an invitation system organized by regional ambassadors, ensuring global representation and diversity.

Voices from the Advisory Committee

‘We were impressed by the honesty and humility of the selected works. These projects don’t impose – they listen. They demonstrate how architecture can cultivate awareness for the existing, repair what has been neglected and empower communities through design.’

Joumana El Zein Khoury, Chair of the Advisory Committee, Ammodo Architecture.

‘The Ammodo Architecture Award 2025 celebrates not a style, but an ethics: architecture as careful stewardship, collective endeavour and patient repair of our social and ecological fabric.’

Andrés Jaque, Architect, Dean and Professor, Columbia University GSAPP, New York

Voices from the Awardees

‘Winning the Ammodo Award is an important achievement for SHAU and all those who made the project happen. It honours our collective design effort, recognizes the communities and collaborators who continue to shape the project every day. For us it confirms that we are on the right track.’

Florian Heinzelmann & Daliana Suryawinata / SHAU

‘The award enables us to advance the work we have been committed to for years: rethinking how we live together and addressing the problem of marginalization in our society more effectively. With this support, we can develop a new design and model, deepen our research and make our approach more visible to policymakers and communities. It helps us broaden the conversation and continue pushing for systemic change.’

Ulrike Schartner & Alexander Hagner / *gaupenraub+/-*

Award Categories and Selected Projects

Social Architecture – €150,000

The Social Architecture category honours two outstanding architects and design teams who present an oeuvre with a strong dedication and involvement in the field of socially and ecologically responsible architecture. This year's recipients are SHAU (Indonesia) for **Kampung Mrican Phase 1**, and *gaupenraub+/-* (Austria) for **VinziRast am Land**. Both projects show how reuse, participation and care can address climate and social challenges through resource-conscious design. SHAU will use the award to build a new microlibrary in Indonesia. *gaupenraub+/-* will use the prize money to support the design of an inclusive hotel and a new housing project for formerly homeless residents, as well as to develop a digital toolkit for sharing knowledge within the professional and academic fields.



Kampung Mrican Phase 1
Image credit: © Andreas Perbowo Widityawan



VinziRast am Land
Image credit: © Kurt Kuball

Social Engagement – €50,000

This category recognizes twelve projects that show how architects and design teams use design skills as the primary tool to support social and ecological responsibility. Examples include: the **Zheshui Natural Library** by LUO Studio (China), built collaboratively with villagers in Shanxi's Taihang Mountains, and the **Machan_Korail Community Platform** by Paraa and local residents (Bangladesh), which transforms a former dumping ground in Dhaka into a flexible public space for art, learning and dialogue. LUO Studio will use the grant to establish a sustainable co-creation studio for rural ecological development in Shangling Village, while Paraa will fund a co-designed, community-built intervention through participatory workshops, training and local events in Dhaka.



Zheshui Natural Library
Image credit: © Jin Weiqi



Machan_Korail Community Platform
Image credit: © City Syntax

Local Scale – €10,000

The Local Scale category celebrates twelve self-initiated socially and ecologically oriented spatial projects that have a local impact. Examples include: the **Main Stage of MuyunaFest** by Espacio Común (Peru), a floating cultural hub built with local materials and knowledge in the amphibious jungle neighborhood of Belén, Iquitos; and the **Magdy El Khoully Street Renovation** by Ahmed Hossam Saafan (AHS CxA) (Egypt), a pilot project revitalizing public life in Ezbet

Khairallah, Cairo, which reclaims urban space for women and children through small-scale, inclusive interventions. Espacio Común will use the award to build a new stage for the 2026 edition of Muyuna Fest, which will later be adapted into a permanent public space, while AHS CxA will fund a participatory, eco-conscious temporary public space intervention in Ezbet Khairallah.



Main Stage of MuyunaFest
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Magdy El Khoully Street Renovation
Image credit: © Ahmed Hossam Saafan

Complete list of Ammodo Architecture Award 2025

Ammodo Architecture Award for Social Architecture (€150,000 per project):

- Kampung Mrican Phase 1 · SHAU · Yogyakarta · Indonesia
- VinziRast am Land · *gaupenraub+/-* · Mayerling (Lower Austria) · Austria

Ammodo Architecture Award for Social Engagement (€50,000 per project):

- Zheshui Natural Library · LUO Studio · Zheshui Village, Shanxi · China
- Limbo Museum · Limbo Accra · Accra · Ghana
- Chaki Wasi, Handicrafts Center of the Community of Shalalá · La Cabina de la curiosidad · Shalalá, Quilotoa · Ecuador
- Prototype Anti-Seismic House · Aziza Chaouni Projects · Talaat N'yacoub, Al Haouz · Morocco
- Floating Schools for Community Resilience and Sustainable Development · Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha · Pabna District (Gumani River) · Bangladesh
- Jackfruit Processing Unit and Community Centre · atArchitecture (with Anant Foundation, Government of Meghalaya) · Gulpani Nokat, South Garo Hills, Meghalaya · India
- Floating University · Floating e.V. · Berlin (Tempelhof Rainwater Basin) · Germany
- Shelter Inclusive Place COPAL · o+h · Yamagata · Japan
- The Wild Mile · Urban Rivers · Chicago, Illinois · United States
- Sanders Place · NMBW Architecture Studio · Melbourne · Australia
- Machan_Korail Community Platform · Paraa (with Korail residents) · Dhaka (Korail Settlement) · Bangladesh
- Territorio de los saberes – Mencoriari · Asociación Semillas para el Desarrollo Sostenible · Central Peruvian Amazon · Peru

Ammodo Architecture Award for Local Scale (€10,000 per project):

- Main Stage of MuyunaFest · Espacio Común · Iquitos (Belén), Loreto · Peru
- Village as House · Robida Collective · Topolò/Topolove, Friuli Venezia Giulia · Italy
- Terrachidia Oasis Campus · Terrachidia NGO · M'Hamid El Ghizlane, Drâa-Tafilalet · Morocco
- Jardín Naturalista Colibrí at Canal Constitución · Gladiola Camacho Estudio · Monterrey, Nuevo León · Mexico
- Jucão Seed House · Laboraterra Arquitetura; Alain Briatte Mantchev Arquitetura ME · São Paulo · Brazil

- TerraTimber · Karlsruhe Institute of Technology · Karlsruhe · Germany
- Adobe Vault · Esfahk Mud Center · Esfahk, South Khorasan · Iran
- Rural Primary School, Mandi · Dhammada Collective (commissioned by SEEDS) · Mandi, Himachal Pradesh · India
- Bankatta Community Initiative, Madi Valley · Sustainable Mountain Architecture · Bankatta, Madi Valley (Chitwan) · Nepal
- Magdy El Khouly Street Renovation · AHS CxA · Old Cairo · Egypt
- Play – Pause – Ponder · WM Re-Lab · Rural Pakistan (flood-affected areas) · Pakistan
- The Slovo Hall Project · 1to1 – Agency of Engagement (with Slovo Park Development Forum) · Slovo Park, Johannesburg · South Africa

Images and project information for each of the projects can be viewed at ammodo-architecture.org

About Ammodo

Ammodo is a foundation that promotes and supports art, science and architecture. We believe expanding knowledge and developing new perspectives in these fields are crucial to address contemporary challenges and move society forward. <https://www.ammodo.org/>

About Ammodo Architecture

Ammodo Architecture promotes and supports socially and ecologically responsible architecture worldwide. The programme is implemented through the Ammodo Architecture Award and an international knowledge platform. The Award is presented in three categories: from local driven projects, collaborations and initiatives to internationally renowned projects and completed buildings.

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Note to editors (not for publication)

- Online Launch: join us on **13 November at 16:00 CET** for a virtual presentation and celebration with the awardees, the Ammodo Architecture team, Advisory Committee, Ambassadors, Members of the press. RSVP [here](#).
- The common themes are further explored in a publication developed in collaboration with KoozArch, a platform for critical design thinking, featuring reflections from Advisory Committee members and contributions from several awardees. The booklet can be downloaded [here](#).
- For press kits and press enquiries, please contact Marie-Anne Souloumiac: marie@wearemuzine.com, +31(0) 651173451. For other enquiries contact architecture@ammodo.org.
- The selection criteria and 'What We Value' framework for the awards can be found [here](#).
- The regional ambassadors list can be found [here](#)
- Read the FAQ [here](#) for general information about Ammodo Architecture
- The next edition of the Ammodo Architecture Award will be in 2027