

SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4TH AMORPH NATURAL STONE PROJECT AND DESIGN COMPETITION

I. Organisation

This Competition is organised by the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association (EMİB). Any operations under the competition organisation are carried out by the General Secretariat of Aegean Exporters' Associations (EİB).

II. Subjects and Objects of Competition

4. Projects/designs to participate in the Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition should be designed in the following subjects:

- 1) Design projects for the evaluation and commercialisation of marble wastes,
- 2) Alternative outdoor designs including, without limitation, outdoor furniture, iconic buildings (landmarks), urban furniture, statues, dividing components, siding, lighting and applications thereof,
- 3) Alternative indoor designs including, without limitation, furniture, accessories, dividing components, wainscoting, lighting and applications thereof,
- 4) Natural stone-oriented empirical research, ideas and designs (studies supporting any innovative sustainable ideas for the reuse of wastes and leading to the development of such ideas).

Natural Stone Project and Design Competition is intended for

- developing producible, environmentally-sensitive, sustainable projects with high added value and strong in design in natural stone exports,
- enhancing the competitive power for natural stone exports,
- contributing to the sectorial development and national economy,
- having companies in the natural stone sector and professional designers, architects and interior decorators who are interested in the sector as well as people from professional branches which will support multidisciplinary works with the sector and reward the successful designers in this field,
- contributing to the building culture and natural stone-based empirical material studies and support creative ideas and projects in Turkey,
- emphasising the importance of design and application in the Turkish natural stone sector and encourage the idea of design,

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- contributing to the development of life styles in the near future (internet of objects, smart building projects, etc.) by using technological opportunities.

III. Participation

Please find the conditions for participating in the competition:

- To have turned 25 years of age but not having turned 50 years of age as of the date of application for the competition (to have been born between December 31, 1973 and January 1, 1998).
- Open to those who have graduated from the BA and MA programmes of the faculties of Architecture, Engineering, Fine Arts, and Designing and design-related programmes of other faculties of universities as of the date of application for the competition. Participants may participate in the competition as individuals or teams. A team may only be consisted of three members. It is required that each member of a team must have graduated from BA or MA programmes. Applications of those candidates who file an application but fail to fulfil the condition of graduation will not be considered valid.

IV. Conditions of Application

1- It is conditional that each competitor participating in the competition must be original in his/her project/design; that it has been designed by the competitor himself/herself; that it has not been commercially produced before; and that he/she has not been awarded a prize for the same design in any other competition. Further, it is required that the competitor has not been awarded a prize in any competition organised under the decision no. 5973 of the Ministry of Commerce. In case anything to the contrary is found out, the project/design for which an application is filed is excluded from the competition. If the design has won a prize, the prize is withdrawn by the Secretary General of the Aegean Exporters' Association. Moreover, responsibility will lie on the part of the competitor if the design sent for the competition is not an original work, if there is an allegation to the contrary and if any third parties claim rights on the design.

2- Objection may be raised to the results not later than 1 week following the announcement of the competition results on www.amorf.org. In case any design awarded a prize is challenged by any third parties, such challenge will be evaluated by the judges and, if it is deemed necessary, the respective competitor will be required to defend himself/herself. The panel of judges may decide to disqualify the respective competitor if they consider the challenge justified. In such a case, the prize of the disqualified competitor will be withdrawn, his project removed from the website and all prizes will be taken back if the prize has already been delivered.

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3- Any next-of-kins of any employee of EİB may not participate in the 4th Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition. They cannot receive any prizes even if they have participated and won prizes. If they have received their prizes, they lose all their rights and return their prizes.

4- Any next-of-kins of any members of the panel of judges in the competition and any individuals who are employed by the institutions where they work and/or own may not participate in the 4th Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition. They cannot receive any prizes even if they have participated and won prizes. If they have received their prizes, they lose all their rights and return their prizes.

5- A competitor may develop projects for one or more of the subjects of competition. Even if a participant participates in the competition with more than one project/design, he/she will only be able to get one prize.

6- In cases where they deem it necessary, EİB may require the participants to submit the original copies of the documents filed at the time of application. Designs of those participants who fail to send the original copies of documents in due time will not be taken into consideration.

7- Specifications of the competition, conditions for participation in the competition and all documents related to the competition will be obtained from the website at “www.amorf.org” and application for the competition will be made via the website. Each competitor will be assigned an application number upon the complete filling, approval and uploading to the website of all “Application Documents” and it will thus be confirmed that the application has been received and approved by the Secretary General of the Aegean Exporters’ Associations. Any competitors who fail to take such number will not be considered to have filed an application.

8- In the event that incomplete information is provided or that any space which must be marked is not marked at the time of application via the website, all forms related to the competition must be completely filled as one cannot pass on to the next stage.

9- Any expressions or signs which shall identify the competitor other than pseudonyms, category and design description will not be present on the designs to be sent.

10- In case any signs other than those specified above or any distinctive marks are observed, the design will be excluded from the competition.

11- Designs for which applications have been received will be evaluated online by the panel of judges. Those designs ranked for a prize and deemed proper for production by the panel of judges will be produced with the participation of the competitor in the production stage by the sponsoring company. Designs so produced may be displayed at places deemed proper by EİB as well as at any trade fairs, promotions and events at home and abroad.

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12- Competitors must upload their designs and all documents to the website not later than 5:00 PM on the deadline for application. It is the responsibility of the competitor to schedule the date and time of uploading not to be later than 5:00 PM as of the deadline for application. Competition organisation is not responsible for the failure of the documents of designs to reach the competition reporter nor for the delay thereof due to the problems occurring in uploading.

13- Once the designer has uploaded his/her design to the system, he/she declares that he/she agrees to all responsibilities for the design.

14- After the competition, those finalists who are ranked for prizes may not make any claims of EIB except for the prizes to be awarded.

15- In case any contradictory situation is identified in relation with the issues as contained in the letter of commitment, prizes of the competitor who is ranked for a prize and any costs incurred therefor are collected in cash and this fact is made public.

V. Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights

1- Any designs which infringe any Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights will be disqualified. Responsibility for all legal attempts by any third parties lies on the part of the competitor. Prize is withdrawn even if it is found out after the conclusion of the competition that the submitted project infringes any intellectual and industrial property rights.

2- Intellectual and industrial property rights of all projects participating in the competition belong to the designers thereof. It is the responsibility of the competitors to take any precautions required to protect the intellectual and industrial property rights of the designs and EIB and those that organise the competition do not have any responsibility/obligation therefor. It is the responsibility of the competitors to file an application for design registration before they deliver their projects for competition under the Industrial Property Act No. 6769.

3- While the amount paid as a prize to the designer does not imply that such rights are assigned to the administration, EIB shall be entitled to publish, archive and display in the name of the owner of design or invention at home and abroad the design for which an application is filed for the 4th Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition for an unlimited period of time and on free-of-charge basis. Therefore, in case the applicant(s) filing an application for the Natural Stone Project and Design Competition assign(s) their intellectual and industrial property rights to any third parties, they must include EIB's rights as provided for in this present article into the relevant contracts and further must immediately notify EIB of any changes in such intellectual property rights. Otherwise, any losses which may be incurred are charged to the project applicants.

4- That/those who file(s) an application for the 4th Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition agree(s) and undertake(s) that he/they will not file any registration applications in

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his/their own name(s) for any intellectual and industrial property rights related to his/their design(s) nor make any assignments to any third parties nor make any other changes, etc. until the amount of prize is credited to his/their accounts except in case of the registration thereof.

5- EIB may produce one or more sample models of any designs which they deem proper in order to display them and display such models on provisional or permanent basis at home and abroad. In this case, any participant of the competition now agrees that he/she has entitled EIB with the full right of use of his/her selected work for an indefinite period of time.

6- It is the responsibility of the participants to take any and all precautions required to protect the intellectual and industrial property rights of the designs and EMIB, EIB and Organisers of the competition do not have any responsibilities/obligations therefor.

7- EIB will be able to use and reproduce any information of the project owners and their works participating in the competition in any and all printed matters and digital media, media and advertising works and promotional products, stationery materials, letterheads, facsimile, banners and any other similar media and activities. In this context, the competitor will not be able to claim any copyrights or other remuneration except for the prize. It is in EIB's discretion to determine what designs will take place in this work.

VI. Other Provisions

1- Competitors agree, declare and undertake that any information which they have acquired about the competition process, other competitors and the Association in the course of this competition is confidential and that they will not disclose such information to any third parties nor use the same for any purposes other than those of the competition. If any facts contrary to this issue are found out, the prizes of those competitors who are ranked for prizes and any costs incurred (if applicable) are charged in cash.

2- In necessary cases, EIB is entitled to make any decisions on any issues not stipulated in these competition specifications. Further, it may extend the application period for the competition. It reserves its rights to change the date and venue of the prize-giving ceremony. When they participate in the competition, the competitors are deemed to have agreed to these conditions in their entirety. All announcements related to the competition will be made at www.amorf.org.

3- EIB may announce and publish any information and pictures of the participants in any format as they deem necessary together with the designs.

4- EIB is entitled to cancel the competition at any stage prior to the announcement thereof.

5- All participants who sign the Competition Specifications will be deemed to have agreed to the conditions of the specifications, competition conditions and the decisions of the selection committee.

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6- EMİB reserves its right to make any changes in these specifications in any necessary cases after the publication of these specifications.

VII. Competition Schedule

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FOR THE TRIP TO PIT/FACTORY/FACILITY TRIP TO PIT/FACTORY/FACILITY*	JUNE-JULY 2023
START DATE FOR APPLICATION	JULY 3, 2023
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION	OCTOBER 9, 2023, 5:00 PM
PRIZE-GIVING EVENING	DECEMBER 2023

*A trip to the Pit” or “Factory” or “Facility” will be taken in order to enhance the competitors’ awareness of natural stones and the details thereof will be notified at a later date. Intra-city transport shall be provided to the centre of visit in the city centre where the “Pit/Factory/Facility” is located within the scope of the trip and inter-city transport shall be provided by the people who will participate in the trip from different cities.

VIII. Application Method

The competition specifications, conditions for participation in the competition and all documents related to the competition will be provided from the website at “www.amorf.org” and application for the competition will only be filed via this website.

All competitors may file their applications for the competition by completing and uploading the application documents listed below via the website once they have read the competition specifications which they will procure via the website.

Application File:

a) Compulsory Documents:

- 1) Application Form – to be completed via the system.
- 2) Specifications, Letter of Commitment and PPDA Document (Application Document

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3) Diploma (Application Document 3)

4) Photocopy of Identity Card (both sides) (Application Document 4)

b) Project / Design

The Project must be described in one presentation sheet. Applicants for the competition will add the sheet containing their designs (300 dpi and in JPEG format) on a white background in A2 horizontal size in a scaled manner in a maximum 20 MB size to the application space as contained in the website of the competition. As shown in the following example, category information will be entered in the top space of the sheet which will be used horizontally and design description in the bottom space of the sheet both in Turkish and English (100-200 words on average). Each application will be automatically assigned a unique pseudonym by the system.

The candidates who will apply with a “Natural stone-oriented empirical research, ideas and designs” must express their works in a graphic narrative in the size of the following sheet which is expressed in writing above and described below.

SPACE 1 (PSEUDONYM AND CATEGORY INFORMATION)
SPACE 2 (DESIGN DESCRIPTION – MUST BE IN TURKISH AND ENGLISH)

Important Note: It is **definitely prohibited** to include the name, school, identity details, official and contact information of the participant or the project group on the project or the visual of the design. Otherwise, the project will not be taken into consideration. In case the attached project is shared in any physical/digital media until the conclusion of the competition, such sharing will be perceived as the disclosure of identity and result in disqualification from the competition.

* Competitors must send their designs and all documents not later than 5:00 PM on the deadline for application. It is the responsibility of the competitor to schedule the date and time of uploading not to be later than 5:00 PM as of the deadline for application. Competition organisation is not responsible for the failure of the documents of designs to reach the competition reporter nor for the delay thereof due to the problems occurring in sending.

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IX. Evaluation Criteria

Projects/designs to participate in the competition will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- That they extend the area of use of the Turkish natural stone
- that they are such projects that have an exportation potential
- that they are functional in use
- that they give spaces and surfaces an aesthetic value
- that they provide resilience in design and application and that they can easily satisfy the user requirements and needs which may appear over time
- that they satisfy any hygienic and comfort conditions in spaces and on surfaces
- that achieve solutions appropriate for the present-day production conditions
- that they are environmentally-friendly and ensure compliance with environmental norms
- that they create convenience of use and maintenance and that they are sustainable
- that they contribute to the development of manners of life in the near future
- that emphasise new design concepts, new forms and codes of practice
- that they create technological products compliant with the present-day life style
- that they ensure natural stone to be used together with other materials as a whole

X. Prizes

1) Cash Prizes

Prize for First Place TRY 125.000

Prize for Second Place TRY 75.000

Prize for Third Place TRY 50.000

Note: Any person participating in the competition may not receive more than one cash prize.

Cash prizes will be payable to the parties not later than a month following the date when the degrees are publicly announced or upon the conclusion of challenge evaluation process in case any third parties challenge the rewarded designs. Any people participating in the competition from abroad and winning any prizes may be paid in any foreign currency the amount calculated on the foreign exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (TCMB) effective on the date of payment upon request.

In case there is not any design eligible for winning a prize in any category, the panel of judges may decide not to give any prize.

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2) Production Subsidy*

In case the sponsoring company and the panel of judges deem it proper, a product among the projects having advanced to the finals will be produced and offered for sale by protecting the commercial rights of the designer. A protocol will be signed by and between the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association (EMİB), designer and the sponsoring company in order to regulate the issues related to the exercise of the intellectual and industrial rights of the designer's design having advanced to the finals in the Natural Stone Design Competition organised by EMİB.

* Awarding this prize is in the discretion of EMİB, sponsoring company and panel of judges and the participants now agree that they are not entitled to give up the production of the product for any reason whatsoever nor to make any claims including, without limitation, monetary equivalent of the prize.

3) Overseas Education Scholarship Prize*

In case the project which the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association will present to Ministry of Commerce under the "Decision Concerning Export Subsidies No. 5973" is approved, the competitors ranked for a prize may be provided with the right of overseas education in accordance with the number of people determined by the Ministry. Provision of overseas education subsidy is subject to affirmative opinion of the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association and approval by the Ministry of Commerce. The Association has the discretionary power to determine the number of the competitors ranked for a prize will be provided with such right of education and in what way. A competitor who is likely to win the overseas education prize must at all events start his/her education not later than 2 (two) years following the date of the competition and provided that it is in compliance with the schedule at the relevant educational institution. Otherwise, he/she has waived this right of his/hers. It is required that the competitor is to submit the foreign language proficiency certificate required for the competitor to start his/her overseas education as well as any other certificates which the Ministry of Commerce will require (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) within the period of time to be required by EİB.

* It is required that the participant must be of Turkish nationality and satisfy all the conditions as per the "Decision Concerning Export Subsidies No. 5973" so that he/she may benefit from the overseas education subsidy. Competitors now agree that they are not entitled to make any claims against EMİB and EİB as the ultimate power to identify the designers lies on the part of the Ministry.

4) International Publicity Prize

Those projects that occupy a place within the top three will be provided with the right of publicity at an event/fair abroad to be identified by the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association. For each

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project ranked for a prize, one person's travel and accommodation costs as well as the publicity costs of the project and such expenses as transport, insurance, etc. will be covered by the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association.

XI. Judges

Final evening judges, preselection judges and alternative judges of the competition will be formed by selecting from the following list of judges. Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association reserves its right make changes in the following judges as required by the current conditions.

Nevzat SAYIN

Reyhan SEZGİN

Heval Zeliha YÜKSEL

Gökhan KARAKUŞ

Mert USLU

Başak EMRENCE

Emre KUZLU

Celal Abdi GÜZER

Ömer Selçuk BAZ

Tanju ÖZELGİN

Ahmet Doğu İPEK

Cem SORGUÇ

Kerim MİSKAVİ

Kutay YORULMAZ/Kerem ÖZERLER (Wangan Studio)

Ali ÇALIŞKAN / Tuğçe RİZELİ (Geomim-GEOID)

Contact Information of Competition Secretariat

The following contact information will be used in all communications related to the competition:

Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association – Atatürk Caddesi No:382 Alsancak Konak İZMİR

e-mail: info@amorf.org

www.amorf.org

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Participant's Letter of Commitment
for the 4th Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition

I now agree and undertake that the designs I have presented to participate in the 4th Amorph Natural Stone Project and Design Competition organised by the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association are all original designs belonging to me; that they have not by any means professionally been used in earlier; that I have not made use of any design professionally used; that the design I have sent for the competition belongs to me and is original; that this design has not been awarded any prize in any competition before; I have granted full license/authorisation to the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association for all my intellectual and industrial property rights which I own on the work participating in the competition under the Intellectual and Artistic Works Act (for all rights related to publicization such as reproduction, processing, dissemination, representation, public transmission, access, etc.); that I give my consent for the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association to produce one or a number of sample models of the designs participating in the competition as deemed necessary by the Association in order to display them and to display such models on a provisional or permanent basis; that I have stated any characteristics required to participate in the competition in a manner compliant with the specifications; that my statements are true; that I do not have close kinship with any employees of the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association; that I have not close kinship with the members of the panel of judges; that I do not have any relationship with any corporations which the members of the panel of judges are employed by and/or own; that I have not been ranked for a prize in any competition organised under the decision no. 5973 of the Ministry of Commerce; that I will unconditionally comply with the competition conditions as announced in the website at www.amorf.com by the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association and with any other issues at the stages of the competition on the dates designated in the website; that I will refund the prize to which I will be entitled as well as any costs incurred for me to the Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association in cash and on lump sum basis and/or accept any and all sanctions that they will put into practice if anything contrary to my statement is found out; that I have read and understood the competition conditions and stages available at www.amorf.org; that I agree to any and all conditions stipulated in the specifications and any and all terms and conditions regarding intellectual/industrial rights..

Date

Full Name of Participant

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CLARIFICATION AND INFORMATION TEXT REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA ACT NO. 6698

1. Identity of the data controller and his representative (if applicable)

Aegean Mineral Exporters' Association (EMİB)

Address: Atatürk Cad. No:382 35220 Alsancak İZMİR

2. Purpose of processing personal data

Your personal data will be processed for the purposes as provided in the specifications and provided that it will be limited to the subject of application in order to procure as per the legislation any personal data as indicated in the specifications of the Natural Stone Project and Design Competition to recognise the competitor and inspect his/her compliance with the competition conditions and to ensure communication and to enter the same in the data recording system for the performance of the obligations of the data controller; to carry out the accounting procedures thereof (financial transactions) and to identify and apply commercial, financial, legal and social affairs and goals on condition that they will be kept for the necessary period of time.

3. Category of Natural Persons and Legal Entities to Whom Personal Data Will Be Transmitted

Category of Natural Persons and Legal Entities to Whom Personal Data of the Participant Will Be Transmitted

- Permanent and substitute members of the Board of Governors and Supervisory Board of EMİB
- EİB's employees with representation power within the scope of this competition in all the relevant administrative, commercial and social units and branches and data processing units - EİB's supreme organisations and administrative units and other subsidiaries
- EMİB's supreme organisations and administrative units and other subsidiaries
- Governmental organisations and institutions, supervisory and surveillance institutions and organisations authorised to see any relevant personal data
- Members of EMİB

4. For What Purpose the personal Data of the Participant May Be Transmitted

- Legal Provision: Maintenance of the participant's identity and education data as well as those personal data as specified in the specifications as required by the Act.
- Provision of Communication: Recording the address details in order to establish communication.

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- Creation, Protection and Exercise of the Right: Maintenance of any necessary data of the participant during the limitation of action due to any probable legal references to arise from the legislation subject to the competition.
- To create an opportunity for the designer's business relations (to the members of the exporters' associations).

5. Method and Legal Reason for the Collection of the Personal Data of the Participant

A. Legal reason for the Collection of the Personal Data of the Participant

Legal reasons for the collection of the personal data of the participant under the article 5 of PPDA:

1. That the data controller will be able to fulfil his legal obligations
2. That it is mandatory as it constitutes a basis for the contract to be entered into with the designer
3. Upon the designer's consent (Sharing with the members of the exporters' association in order to create opportunities for the designer's potential business relations)

B. Application to the Data Controller

A participant may transmit his/her requests within the scope of the rights as prescribed in PPDA in writing or via the registered electronic mail (REM) address using secure electronic signature, mobile signature or the electronic mail address notified to the Data Controller and registered in the Data Controller's system or via any software or application developed for the purpose of application. The following information and documentation must be available in this application to be filed by the participant:

Given Name(s), Last Name and, if the application is filed in writing, signature;

- a) Turkish personal identity number for the citizens of the Republic of Turkey (briefly "RoT") and passport number or (if applicable) identity number for foreigners;
- b) Residential address or office address for service of process;
- d) Electronic mail address, telephone number and facsimile number for service of process;
- e) Subject of the request.

Any information and documentation regarding the subject of the application must be attached to the application.

In the applicant's written application, the date of application is the one on which the documents are served to the Data Controller or his representative. In case of the applications filed by different methods, the date on which the application reaches the Data Controller is considered to be the date of application.

This letter of information is an attachment to the specifications.

Rights and obligations as contained in this letter of clarification have been agreed upon by the

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data owner and are approved under the signature(s) affixed here below by the personal data owner participant(s) in order to confirm that he/they has/have entirely provided his/their personal data contained in the specifications on his/their own free will.

I have read/got information.

Full Name :.....

Signature :.....

Date :.....

In case of participation as a team, all team members must affix their signatures.

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