

Invitation for Students

Competition in research on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Serbia



We are inviting all students in Serbia to submit their research works related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Participants will get the chance to win great prizes.

Submitted essays and papers should reflect **upon at least one general and one specific question** related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Serbia (see questions below)

You may consider **international best practices** and/or base your analysis on **data** generated by various sources, including the **Open Data Portal of the Statistical Office of Republic of Serbia (SORS): [Open Data \(stat.gov.rs\)](https://stat.gov.rs)** or evidence produced by the SDGs4all Platform: *Održivi razvoj za sve - Platforma za diskusiju Agende 2030 u Srbiji (sdgs4all.rs)*.



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GENERAL QUESTIONS



- 1 What are the main potentials and challenges with respect to the implementation of the EU Accession Process, the 2030 Agenda and/or the European Green Deal in Serbia?
- 2 What are the main trade-offs and synergies between various international development agendas and what are the implications for policy making in Serbia?
- 3 Which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are most important for achieving a better future in Serbia?
- 4 What is the role of local communities and citizens (*OR non-state actors such as NGOs, companies, academic institutions etc.*) with respect to achieving the SDGs – and how can their participation in reform efforts by the Government be strengthened?

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS



Social area:

- 1 How can gender equality in Serbia/or in local communities across the country be achieved by 2030?
- 2 How can social protection and the inclusion of Roma men and women in Serbia/or in local communities be improved?
- 3 What are the potentials of using disaggregating data for policy making (esp. with respect to realizing the "leave no one behind" - LNOB - principle)?



Environmental area:

- 1 How can a constructive dialogue concerning the energy transition contribute to sustainable solutions and the realisation of the green goals in the 2030 Agenda? (And how is this connected to the implementation of the Green Agenda / Green Deal?)
- 2 What are the potentials of renewable energy in Serbia?
- 3 How to improve air quality in Serbia /or local communities?
- 4 What are the main obstacles and challenges related to the improvement of waste-water systems and waste treatment in Serbia?



Economic area:

- 1 What is the role of the business sector in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Serbia – and how can the role of private sector representatives in policy making be strengthened?
- 2 What opportunities and challenges are there to foster the sustainable financing of the 2030 Agenda?
- 3 What are the potentials for sustainable rural tourism in Serbia?
- 4 What are the challenges and potentials of "greening" the public finance management system in Serbia?



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Submitted applications will be evaluated and the three best proposals will be awarded.



1st place
PRACTICAL STAGE / MENTORING BY THE PROJECT FOR 3 MONTHS (Nov 2022 – Jan 2023) AND ELECTRIC BICYCLE

2nd place
ELECTRIC SCOOTER

3rd place
SPORTS BICYCLE

Additionally, the five best ranked students will have the opportunity to participate in the 2030 Agenda related events to enhance their professional networks. The best 5 essays/papers will also be published by the GIZ's "Public Finance Reform – 2030 Agenda" Project through various channels.

Students should submit their research works in PDF and word files using the template available here:



Document should be written in Serbian language and should **not be longer than 5,000 words** (excluding the abstract, table of contents, graphs/pictures and the reference list). Additionally, a separate abstract in English, not longer than one A4 page, should be provided. Eligible in the call are students (Serbian citizens and residents) currently enrolled in an academic programme or graduates who obtained their titles not longer than 6 months ago.

Research works should be submitted to the following email address: milica.andrejevic@giz.de and milena.altmeyer@giz.de.

The deadline for submitting the works is the **15th of May 2022**.

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