REHVA Student Competition 2027

In accordance with its mission to support professional development, REHVA announces the
REHVA STUDENT COMPETITION on 24 May

Eurovent Certita Certification, leader in the field of HVAC-R certification, is proud to sponsor the upcoming REHVA Student Competition. This initiative reflects our commitment to fostering the talents of today's students who represent the engineers of tomorrow.

Student Competition Rules

1. REHVA awards prizes each year for outstanding student work from its Member Associations.

2. Eligible student work (hereinafter referred to as a "submission") includes work based on Bachelor's theses, Master's theses, or other work of an equivalent level. Submissions based on doctoral theses are not eligible.

3. Submission topics may be freely chosen but must relate to REHVA activities, including, but not limited to, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration; indoor environmental quality; energy efficiency and energy management; sustainability; building services; etc. If in doubt about a topic's eligibility, please contact REHVA at info@rehva.eu. Methods used may include experimental, analytical, numerical, design-related and other methodologies.info@rehva.eu

4. Submissions may be the result of work carried out by an individual student or a team of no more than two students.

5. REHVA Member Associations may submit a maximum of one entry per country and are responsible for ensuring that each submission complies with all competition rules.

6. The deadline for submitting scientific papers is 26 March 2027. Submissions should be sent electronically (no hard copies are required) to Prof. Risto Kosonen, Chair of the Education and Training Committee, at risto.kosonen@aalto.fi, with a copy to info@rehva.eu. Submissions must be in the format of a scientific paper (see the attached template), with a maximum length of 6 pages, and must include the following:

   - Submission title
   - Full name(s) of the student(s)
   - Full name(s) of the supervisor(s)
   - Affiliation(s) of the author(s), including the name(s) and full address(es) of the respective institute(s)
   - E-mail address(es) of the student(s) and supervisor(s)
   - Year in which the work on which the submission is based was formally assessed and approved by the student's home university/institute.
     Please note that the work on which the submission is based must have been formally assessed and approved within the 12 months preceding the competition date. Under exceptional circumstances, and on a case-by-case basis, submissions based on work completed and formally assessed and approved up to 24 months before the competition date may be considered by the REHVA Student Competition Jury (RSCJ). An extended timeline may be

considered only if the submitting country did not submit an entry to the preceding REHVA Student Competition.

7. All submitted documentation and presentations must be in English. They will be included in a publication disseminated by REHVA and distributed to the Jury members before the competition.

8. Students will present their work at the REHVA Student Competition session, to be held in Elche, Spain, on 24 May 2027. All students must prepare the following:

   - A 12-minute oral presentation of their work (maximum 12 slides), followed by a 3-minute Q&A session. The presentation must be sent electronically to info@rehva.eu no later than 17 May 2027.
   - A high-resolution, portrait-oriented, A1-sized technical poster. The electronic version must be sent to info@rehva.eu no later than 17 May 2027. The poster must be printed and brought to the event.

9. After all presentations have been completed, the Jury will convene to deliberate and select the winning submissions. The Jury may award prizes to a maximum of three submissions. An additional prize will be awarded for the Best Poster.

10. The winners will be announced to all students after the Jury meeting.

11. All students will receive a certificate of participation. The prizes will be awarded to the winners on 25 May 2027 (time to be confirmed). At the award ceremony, the first-prize winner will present their work (maximum 15 minutes).

12. Students' related travel and accommodation costs will be covered by their Member Associations and, where applicable, by the students or other sponsors.

13. The REHVA Student Competition Jury (RSCJ) shall consist of at least three members. The RSCJ Chair is appointed each year by the REHVA Board. RSCJ members may include members of the REHVA Education and Training Committee or other specialists proposed by Member Associations and nominated by the REHVA Board. Jury members must not have any conflicts of interest (e.g. they must not act as supervisors or advisors for any submission). No more than one RSCJ member may be appointed per country. If several candidates are proposed by the same country, the RSCJ Chair will select one candidate to represent that country. Nominations for RSCJ membership must be submitted by email to the REHVA Office (info@rehva.eu) by 26 March 2027 (@Risto: or later?).

Awarding criteria

The Jury will evaluate the submissions based on the following criteria:

- The eligibility and relevance of the project topic
- The clarity of the work objectives
- The applicability of the methods used
- The validity and reliability of findings
- The innovative character of the work conducted
- The clarity and accuracy of written and oral presentation
- The graphical quality of the summary and the presentation
- The candidate's ability to constructively discuss technical issues
- The scientific level of the submission

- For the Best Poster Award, the evaluation will focus on the scientific level of the submission and the poster's graphical quality.

Each Jury member will submit to the Jury Chair a ranked list of candidates (from first to last).

Brussels, 21 October 2026



Prof Risto Kosonen
REHVA Education and Training Committee Chair