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Designing Futures. Social Labs in Europe Hans Sauer Award 2018

Starting October 1st, the Hans Sauer Foundation welcomes proposals in a European-wide competition for Social Labs.

Labs are regarded as a promising way to address challenges and questions of the future which cannot (or can no longer) be solved within conventional structures and organisations. Labs employ a plethora of tools and methods to stimulate creativity, enable dialogue, cooperation and participation. Labs dissolve disciplinary and sectoral boundaries – at least temporarily – and replace them by participatory, interdisciplinary and experimental forms of working and creating.

Over the past years a number of players have discovered labs for the development of new solutions: companies, universities, state institutions, and, increasingly, social and non-profit initiatives and organisations.

The Hans Sauer Award 2018 addresses the best and most innovative Social Labs in Europe. All labs (or institutions working with lab methods), who are already working, or are in the process of implementation are eligible for competition. Registration opens on October 1st, 2017 and ends December 15th, 2017

In early March 2018, the five successful finalists will be invited to the Social Design Elevation Days 2018 in Munich. The Hans Sauer Foundation seeks to highlight and explore the trend of Social Labs, support the creation of a European network of Social Labs, and further international exchange on the subject. At the end of the three-day-event, a Jury will select one (or several) winning lab(s) and distribute the award money of € 10.000.

Further information about the competition and its terms can be found here:
<http://www.hanssauerstiftung.com>.

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