



# ET CONTEST

## Beyond Underground

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**19 February, 2026**

Early Bird Registration Deadline

**28 February, 2026**

Submission Deadline

**31 March, 2026**

1st Prize: **8.000 €**

2nd Prize: **3.000 €**

3rd Prize: **1.000 €**

Honorable Mentions

Selected projects will be exhibited and published as part of the official outcomes of the competition.

**ET CONTEST is an architectural design competition**

inviting ideas, visions, and proposals for the architectural and landscape transformation of the former mining site of Sos Enattos, in Sardinia. The site is one of the candidates to host the Einstein Telescope (ET), a cutting-edge European scientific infrastructure set to become the world's most advanced third-generation gravitational wave detector.

**ET CONTEST engages a complex and deeply layered territory**

rich in historical and identity-related values and currently undergoing radical transformation. Proposals are required to focus on the surface project of the Einstein Telescope, developing a transformative scenario at a large scale (masterplan) and providing spatial and design principles illustrated through drawings and visual narratives.

**ET CONTEST is part of a broader constellation of initiatives**

aimed at involving students, recent graduates, researchers, experts, and professionals (under 41 years of age at the time of submission) in imagining future scenarios for the transformation of this territory.

Website & info

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