# EDUKI COMPETITION 2023/2024 MY FUTURE, MY IDEAS!

#### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EDUKI COMPETITION?

Every two year, the <u>Eduki Foundation</u> organises a **competition on international cooperation** for youngsters in Switzerland, aged 4 to 19. This competition aims to sensibilise pupils and teachers to the <u>2030 Agenda</u>, adopted by the UN in 2015, which includes the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** aiming to promote global development, and the wellbeing and protection of the environment.

In 2021/2022, more than 1000 students from 12 cantons took part, with 119 projects including art and media productions or concrete action projects.

#### WHAT IS THIS YEAR'S THEME?

At the start of the 2023/2024 academic year, the <u>Eduki National competition</u> returns for its 9th edition, with the theme: **My future, my ideas!** 

At half-way point of the **2030 Agenda**, it is crucial to ask for youth's opinion. Their ideas and their perspectives are essential to take up the remaining challenges and shape the future that we all want. The **Eduki Competition** is a **catalyst** for democratic participation among young people, giving them the opportunity to **express their ideas and creativity, and to present innovative projects** that respond to the pressing global issues of our time.

In 2022, Switzerland presented its <u>report on the implementation of the 2030</u> <u>Agenda</u> at the UN. The result of a process involving civil society and public authorities, the Confederation identified several areas in which everyone can take action at their own level to achieve several of the SDGs:

Sustainable consomption and production Climate, energy and biodiversity Equal opportunities and social cohesion SDG 2, 8 & 12 SDG 6, 7, 11, 13 & 15 SDG 1,3, 5, 8, 10 & 16

The Eduki Competition invites Swiss schools to reflect about one of these three domains and to send us their messages or projets proposing solutions at their level. In order to better understand the interconnection of the SDGs, participants have to cover at least 2 SDGs in their ideas.

#### FOR WHOM?

The Competition is open to all pupils of primary and secondary (I & II) levels, individually, in group, by class or by school in Switzerland. Participants have to submit an artistic work, a media production or imagine a concrete action that can be locally implemented. The projects will be rewarded at the awards ceremony on 15 May 2024, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

#### HOW?

Throughout the Competition, the Eduki Foundation offers support to participants in the form of advice, materials and resources to help them prepare their projects, and organises information sessions for teachers and meetings between students and experts on international Geneva. In line with Eduki's mission of introducing young people to the work of international organisations and NGOs, the competition also provides an opportunity to make the link with the international agenda (e.g. the <u>75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</u> and the <u>Summit of the Future</u>).

## THE FRANÇOISE DEMOLE AWARD

Projects in the **concrete action** category at secondary level II (aged 16 to 19 approximately) can apply for the <u>Françoise Demole Award</u>, which provides CHF 10,000 to support the implementation and promotion of youth initiatives in the field of sustainable development. These projects must also be closely linked to one or more actors involved in international cooperation. The winning project(s) may already be underway, or if they have already been completed, there must be clear possibilities for continuation.

### **CALENDRIER DU CONCOURS 2023/2024**



#### **PARTNERS**

The competition is held under the high patronage of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UN Geneva) and is organised in collaboration with the Swiss Confederation (FDFA), the Swiss Commission for UNESCO, the Department of Education, Training and Youth (DIP) of the Canton of Geneva and the Fondation pour Genève.

For more information on the competition, read the final report of the 21/22 competition.









