ARCHITECTURE COMPETITION

PORTUGAL ELDERLY HOME

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Introduction

An aging population means the demand for suitable housing is constantly increasing. As older generations move out of their homes they often look for a place where they can be supported yet independent, retaining the freedoms and dignity they deserve while not having to worry about getting help when needed.

The Portugal Elderly Home competition is tasking participants with designing an elderly home in Portugal, one of the most popular countries for retirement in the world.
Portugal

Officially known as the Portuguese Republic, Portugal is the westernmost sovereign state of mainland Europe. It is one of the oldest nations on the continent, having been continuously settled since prehistoric times, and was founded as the County of Portugal in 868 AD.

Portugal has a Mediterranean climate with a mixed oceanic climate along the northern half of its coastline, making it one of the warmest countries in Europe, with annual average temperatures reaching as high as 40 °C and higher during the summer months.

Despite its constant human settlement, Portugal is still a territory rich in biodiversity. Both deciduous and coniferous forests can be found in the area, and an extremely rare mature Mediterranean forest remains in some parts of the Arrábida region. Portugal is home to several wild species – boar, Iberian red deer, roe deer, and the Iberian wild goat.
Architecture in Portugal

Having been a human settlement for so many centuries, Portugal’s architecture has been heavily influenced by the nations and cultures that have inhabited it. This extensive list includes the Lusitanians, Celtiberians, Romans, Suebi, Visigoths, Moors, Mozarabs, Goans, Macanese, Kristang people, and many more.

Various artistic styles and movements have dominated architecture in Portugal, including Romanesque, Gothic, Manueline, Portuguese Renaissance, Portuguese Baroque, Rococo, Pombaline, Neo-Manueline, Soft Portuguese style, and contemporary architecture.
A modern-day interpretation of traditional Portuguese architecture, known as Soft Portuguese style, can be seen extensively in major cities, particularly the country’s capital, Lisbon. A number of notable architects have originated from Portugal, including Diogo de Arruda, João Antunes, Eugénio dos Santos, Carlos Mardel, José Luís Monteiro, Raul Lino, Cassiano Branco, Fernando Távora, Gonçalo Byrne, Souto de Moura (Prize winner), Carrilho da Graça, and Álvaro Siza Vieira (Prize winner).
People are living longer than ever before, as a result an aging population is struggling to find a place to live out their golden years. While there are of course often concerns about healthcare and support, there are a huge number of factors that affect older generations that aren’t always considered. Many in the older generation struggle to adapt to lifestyle changes. They’re not able to do everything they used to do, they’re not working or interacting with their community as much, and of course many will be dealing with the loss of loved ones.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is also being felt, as staff shortages, tighter budgets and new health and safety restrictions make the supply of suitable retirement housing even more limited.

Portugal is one of the most popular countries in the world for retirement living, having ranked 4th in International Living’s Global Retirement Index for 2022. In addition to great weather and a combination of stunning coasts, countryside and cities, retirees in Portugal love the country’s friendliness and sense of community.

The Portugal Elderly Home competition is tasking participants with designing a retirement home in central Portugal. It will need to be able to comfortably house 60 residents and ten support staff. It should also include several features including a small library, a gathering room, a chapel, a kitchen and dining room, as well as a private area which could function as a nurse’s room and therapy room for psychological support.

By putting accessibility at the forefront of design and creating a space that meets the unique requirements of an aging population of residents, architects and designers have the chance to reinvent accessible architecture.
The BUILDING PROGRAMME is flexible, open to modifications and improved development strategies.

### Accommodations, total capacity 60 people:
- 20 en suite single rooms
- 20 en suite twin-rooms
- Small library
- Gathering room
- A chapel
- A kitchen
- A dining room
- Nurses room
- Therapy room
- Small community garden
The competition site

SITE COORDINATES:
@39.6900278, -8.7941944

SITE CAD AND PDF PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON ARCHITECTURECOMPETITIONS.COM/PORTUGALELDERLYHOME
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Prizes

Monetary awards

3 winning proposals, 3 special award recipients and 6 honourable mentions will be selected. Buildner will award a total of 10,000 € in prize money to competition winners as follows:

- **BUILDNER STUDENT AWARD**
  - 1st Prize: 4,000 €
  - 2nd Prize: 2,500 €
  - 3rd Prize: 1,000 €
  - Total prize fund: 10,000 €

- **BUILDNER SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**
  - 500 € Cash prize

- **CLIENT’S FAVORITE AWARD**
  - 1,000 €

+ 6 honourable mentions
Prizes

Buildner Student Award

1,000 € Cash prize + 50 € ARCHIVEBOOKS.com gift card

More information about the special awards at architecturecompetitions.com/portugalelderlyhome
Prizes

Construction

As winning designs will be considered for construction, the jury will be looking for projects that focus on eco-friendly and cost-effective building techniques, in keeping with Portugal’s reputation as one of the greenest countries in Europe.

Certificates

Builder will acknowledge the outstanding performance of all winners with Certificates of Achievement.
Publicity campaign

All competition winners will be part of Buildner’s extensive global publicity campaign:

‘SEEN BY’
ONE MILLION

Results published on buildner.com, – one of the leading websites in the industry, which is visited by over one million unique visitors each year.

‘SEEN BY’
800 000 MORE

Publications on Buildner’s social networks (over 600,000 followers) and newsletter campaign (over 200,000 subscribers).

INTERVIEW

Exclusive interview published with the results and shared on Buildner’s social networks.

MOVIE

Competition winners will be granted an opportunity to submit a movie about themselves. The video will be published on Buildner’s website and social networks.

MEDIA PARTNERS

Competition results will get international art and design media coverage and will be featured in the world’s leading architecture media outlets.
Competition schedule

Preliminary registration deadlines

- Early Bird Registration
  **NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 6**

- Advance Registration
  **DECEMBER 7 – JANUARY 25**

- Last Minute Registration
  **JANUARY 26 – APRIL 19**

  It is still possible to participate in this competition after the preliminary deadlines, however, a higher late registration fee will be charged.

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**Closing date for questions & answers**
**APRIL 24, 2023**

*In order to guarantee equal opportunities to all competition participants, no new questions will be answered after this deadline!*

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**Closing date for registration**
**APRIL 19, 2023**

**Closing date for submission**
**MAY 31, 2023 (11:59 p.m. LONDON TIME)**

**Announcement of the winners**
**JULY 5, 2023**
Buildner Architecture Competition Organisers would like to hear from representatives of universities, schools, and colleges offering architecture/design studies.

Contact us to receive special student rates for group registration (discount applies for 3+ registrations from one university/school), as well as further information and support to get your students involved in architecture competitions.

Send us a request from your university email address along with basic information about you and your university/school. Please note that only recognized university staff can apply for the reduced student rate.

 '\'Buildner Architecture University rankings

Explore the Buildner’s list of the world’s 1000+ most competitive architecture universities –
architecturecompetitions.com/architecture-university-rankings
Submission requirements

- Participants are required to upload four (4) A2 landscape-orientated presentation boards (must not exceed 10MB) with sketches, renderings, plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, and/or other presentation tools to explain their proposal.

- No video files are accepted.
- All information provided in writing must be in English.
- All submissions must be uploaded via the architecturecompetitions.com upload panel. Access information and instructions on how to upload the presentation board will be issued to participants via email immediately after successful registration.
- Presentation boards must not indicate any information related to individual's/team’s identity.

Participants who do not comply with the requirements will be disqualified without refund.

Participants can choose and upload one project preview image from their presentation that best describes their project.

- The project preview image would need to be at least 2000x1680 pixels large, orientated horizontally, no more than 10 MB in size, and in jpg/jpeg format.
- The project preview image will be used for promotional materials to showcase the project in case the project is selected as the winner.
- Please note: the competition jury will not see the selected project preview image.
Presentation deliverables set

- Urban plan (suggested scale 1:500 or 1:1000)
- Street elevations (suggested scale 1:50)
- Primary sections (suggested scale 1:50)
- Primary floor plans (suggested scale 1:50)
- Enlarged sections and elevations highlighting key spaces or relationships (suggested scale 1:10)
- Details (suggested scale 1:5):
  - Envelope
  - Key materials
  - Site or landscape
- Axonometrics providing information on building systems or illustrating key architectural concepts
- Perspectives
  - Primary interior spaces
  - Primary site locations

Recommended submission content

- Proposed plans and sections, multiple internal and external perspectives demonstrating the spatial quality of the retirement home, as well as operational needs and accessibility requirements.
- Demonstration of project construction, materiality, functions, management and maintenance; approach to environment, energy and sustainability, indoor environment and logistics
- Visualizations; artist’s impressions to illustrate how their proposal fits in with the quality, value, and significance of historical and modern Portugal.

Please note the PRESENTATION DELIVERABLES SET listed above is a suggestion only. Participants can choose to use the entire list, a selection from it, or propose a completely different set that would explain their design in the most efficient manner.
Presentation preliminary review

For more than ten years, Buildner has analyzed and rated thousands of architecture competition project submissions. Trust us when we say — the quality of your presentation is vital to convince a jury team of your design intent, and there are several graphic and representational factors that can make it or break it. We can help you make it right!

Buildner can review your presentation and give you valuable feedback!

Participants are welcome to submit their competition presentation draft panel/s before submitting it/them as a final competition entry for a preliminary review.

Within 1–3 days, our team will analyze your presentation panel/s and rate them on predefined criteria points, as well as add valuable written feedback on how you can improve your final competition submission.

Find out more here – architecturecompetitions.com/crits
Jury

The jury panel members list and biographies are published at architecturecompetitions.com/portugalelderlyhome

Participants are advised to research both the working site and previous similar case studies as part of the design process. For each competition, 6–9 jury panel members are selected. Buildner reserves the right to add/remove the jury panel members at any moment.

Jury members shall under no circumstances be contacted by competition participants or their representatives. Participants who attempt to contact jury members shall be disqualified.

All competition-related communications should be carried out solely with Buildner staff.

For any questions, please contact us at contact@buildner.com

Portugal Old People's Home is an project competition, which encourages participants to test or redefine the boundaries of architecture. The jury may choose to reward projects that show a high degree of creativity, even if they breach competition guidelines, as long as this is justified.

Buildner is committed to selecting the most qualified industry professionals to comprise its jury panels. Jury panels consist of architects, in addition to professionals from other professional backgrounds that are relevant to the competition topic, to guarantee the most objective competition results.

You may find the invited jury list from previous competitions here – architecturecompetitions.com/guest-jury
Tell the world your story!

Video and interview

Shortly prior to the results announcement, selected competition winners and honorable mentions will be contacted and asked to answer a series of interview questions (in writing) and submit a video about themselves. These will be published with the competition results.

There is a tight deadline to announce the winners on time, therefore interview questions will need to be returned within 2 days, and videos submitted within 2 weeks of being requested. Hence, we advise participants to consider ideas for their video and answers to their questions in advance so that they are able to submit the relevant material on time.

Please note – both the interview and video submission is OPTIONAL. However, we do recommend that all participants submit as much material as possible in order to maximise the publicity and media attention their work will receive.

Read more about:

The interview – architecturecompetitions.com/interview

The video submission – architecturecompetitions.com/submit-movie

Explore the movies received from Buildner (formerly Bee Breeders)

architecture competition winners and honourable mentions here - youtube.com/@buildner
Eligibility

The competition is open to all. No professional qualifications are required. Design proposals can be developed individually or by teams (4 team members maximum).

People who have direct personal or professional relationships with jury panel members or organisers may not participate in this competition.

Competition documentation

The following information is available for download at architecturecompetitions.com/portugalelderlyhome

- Full competition brief
- CAD and PDF site plan

All information can be downloaded as often as required; no additional information or materials will be provided after registration.

The brief and all associated documentation for this competition are created for the sole purpose of an academic exercise and are not legal documents.

The provided materials, or alternatives, can be used, created, or sourced at the participant's discretion.

Media partners

A full list of media partners who have committed to present the competition winners in their publications can be found at architecturecompetitions.com/portugalelderlyhome

For potential media partners who are also interested in covering the present competition and its winners, please contact us at contact@buildner.com

Competition press kit (in English) and banners are available at architecturecompetitions.com/portugalelderlyhome/press