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## *Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg* awarded the 2023 Science for Society Prize

In a ceremony on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the 2023 Science for Society Prize, an initiative of the Science for Society Foundation, under the aegis of Fondation de Luxembourg, was awarded to the *Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg*, for its youth programme “Science:next”.

In receiving this prize, the *Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg* was commended for the extracurricular programme which exposes students to the scientific method and empowers young minds to think critically, develop specific skills essential to scientific research and then apply these skills to address issues that impact society at large.

At the ceremony, Sousana Eang, director of the *Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg* expressed gratitude for the award: *“On behalf of the Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg, I thank the Science for Society Foundation and its founder, Mr. Jacques de Sellier, for their encouragement and support. We will use this grant to further support the youngsters that take part in the Science:next program, mainly by helping them acquire material for scientific projects.”*

The Science:next programme runs throughout the school year, and is open to curious young people ages 11 to 21. Participants gain experience through practical applications and interactive learning, under the guidance of experienced scientists and engineers from diverse fields. Through the programme, students may also prepare for and take part in competitions, which encourages teamwork and communication skills. On completion of the programme, participants are well-equipped to distinguish between fact and fiction, an aspect of the programme that is of particular importance to the Science for Society Foundation.

Indeed, the Science for Society Foundation’s actions are guided by the belief that a better understanding of science in areas that are important for Society will foster sounder debates and better-informed policy decisions. In line with this objective, the Foundation created the Science for Society Prize in 2021 to reward annually an organization or project that demonstrates effective communication of credible scientific information to the general public. This year marks the third and final edition of the Science for Society Prize

The Science for Society Prize applicants are evaluated by an independent jury, made up of members from the research community, decision-makers, the technology sector and the press. The jury is responsible for assessing all applications and submitting a preselection to the foundation’s management committee. The Science for Society Foundation’s management committee selects the winning candidate who is then awarded a 5.000 € grant.

### **Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg**

The Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg aims to promote sciences among young people aged between 11 and 21 nationally and internationally and in an extra-curricular way. For that purpose, the Foundation is organising several platforms that aim to support youngsters in their scientific endeavours;

- The National Jonk Fuerscher Contest once a year;
- The Luxembourg International Science Expo once a year;
- Science:next program throughout the school year.

### **Science for Society Foundation**

The [Science for Society Foundation](#) was founded in 2014, under the aegis of Fondation de Luxembourg, to support organisations and projects aimed at communicating unbiased scientific information to opinion leaders and the general public. The foundation's support of projects is led by the belief that a better understanding of science in areas that are important for Society will foster sounder debates and better-informed policy decisions. The Science for Society Foundation created the Science for Society Prize in 2021 to reward effective communication of credible scientific information to the general public.

### **Fondation de Luxembourg**

An independent center of expertise on philanthropy, the Fondation de Luxembourg supports European philanthropists in the structuring, development and monitoring of projects of general interest in Europe and around the world.

Created by the Luxembourg State and the Oeuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte, the Fondation de Luxembourg's mission is to promote and facilitate private philanthropic engagement.

For more information on the Fondation de Luxembourg, please visit: [www.fdlux.lu](http://www.fdlux.lu)

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