

Leonardo 4 Children 2026

Climate, Equality & Peace



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Leonardo 4 Children

A non-profit initiative to develop the Art & Science skills of children in Europe and beyond - focusing on the issues of Climate, Equality & Peace, and to help children in need with education.

Purpose of Leonardo 4 Children

A kind of “miniNobel” for children and teenagers with Olympic spirit



To create the leaders and the new Leonardos of the 21st century



Leonardo + Children

In partnership with



European
Commission
Joint Research
Center



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Erasmus+ project 2024-25



Fondazione
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di San Paolo

From 2019 to 2024



From 2021 to-date



From 2021 to-date



From 2023 to-date



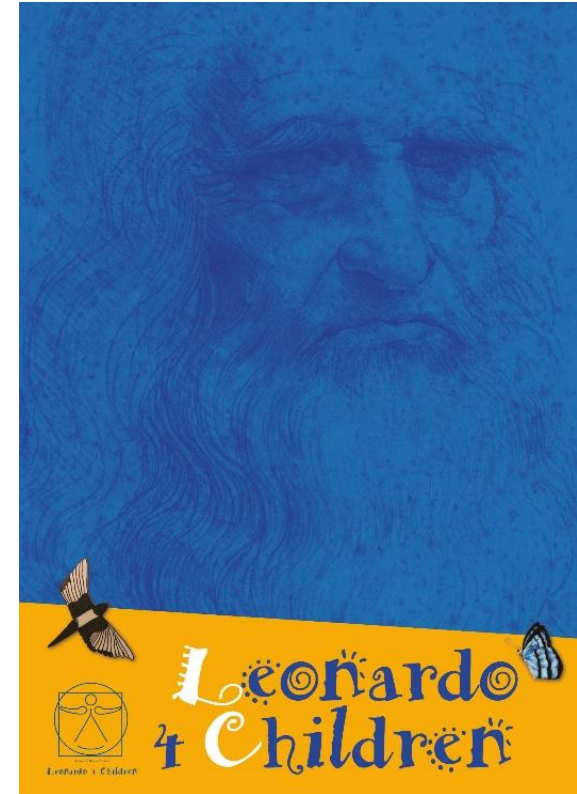
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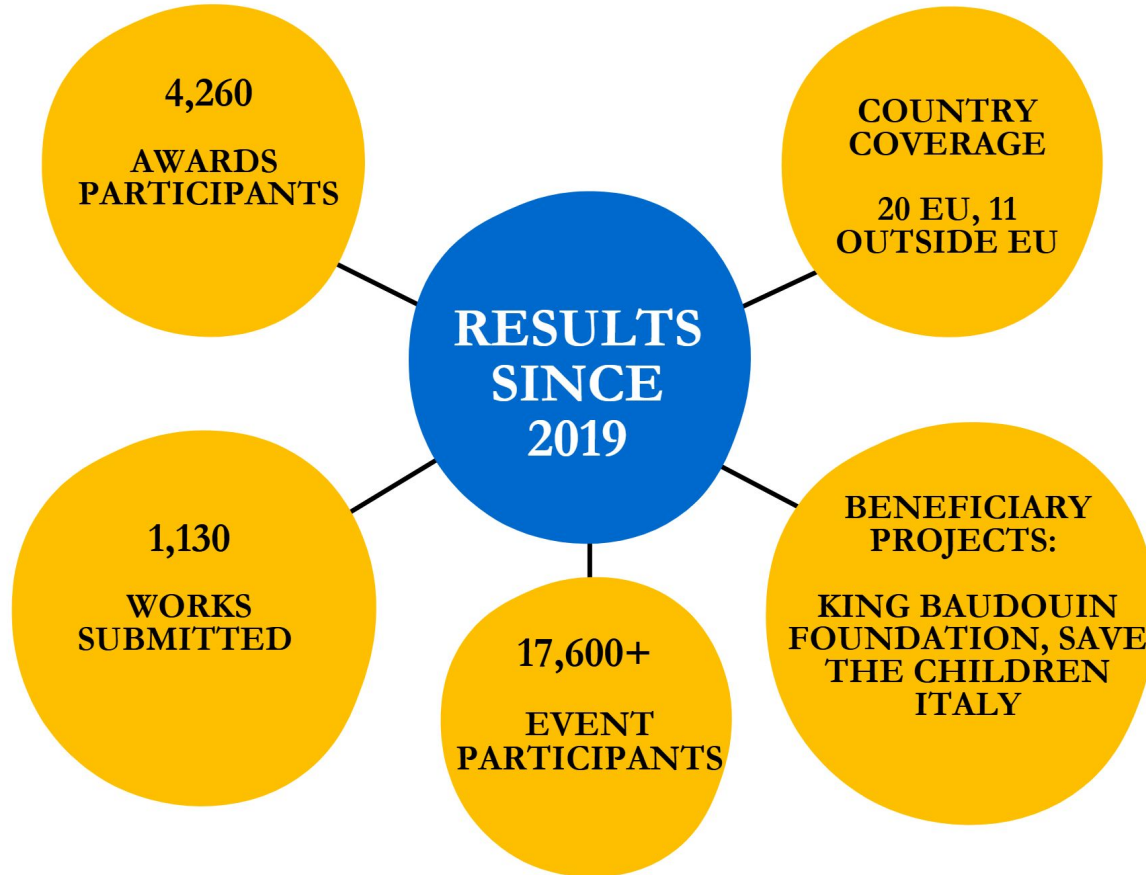
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*“Every child is an artist”
(Pablo Picasso)*

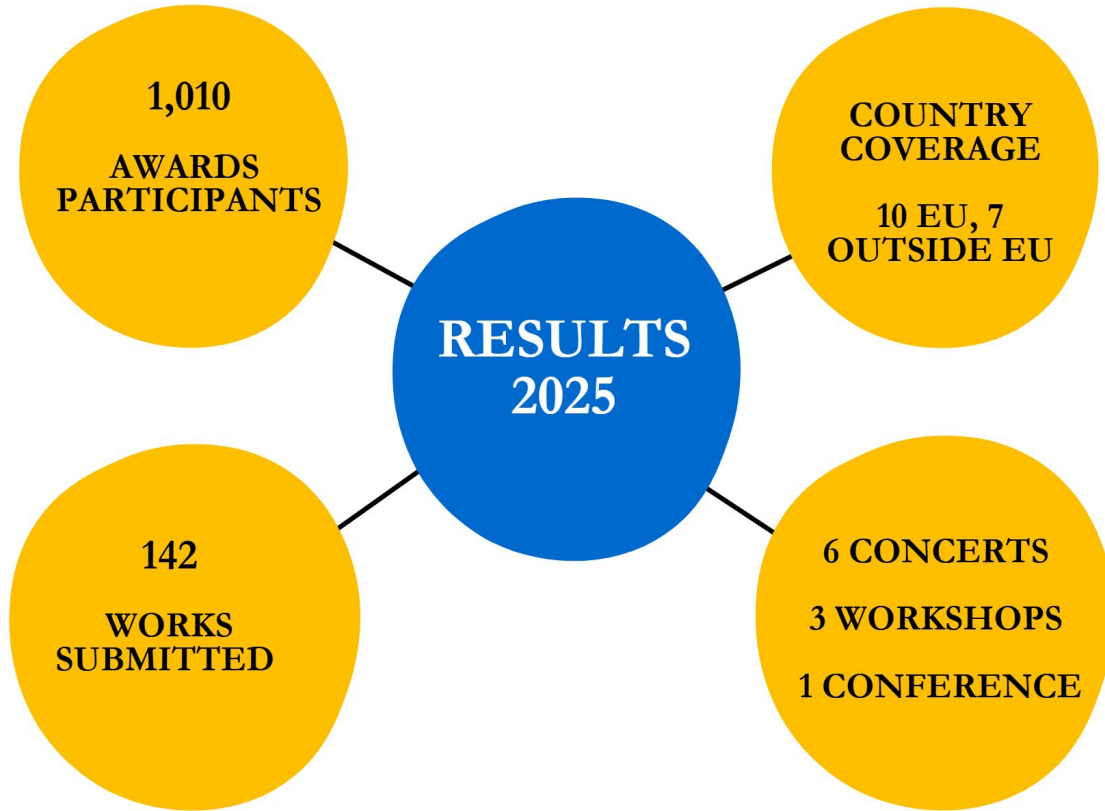
*“Every child can be a genius”
(Leonardo 4 Children slogan)*



Impact 2019-2025

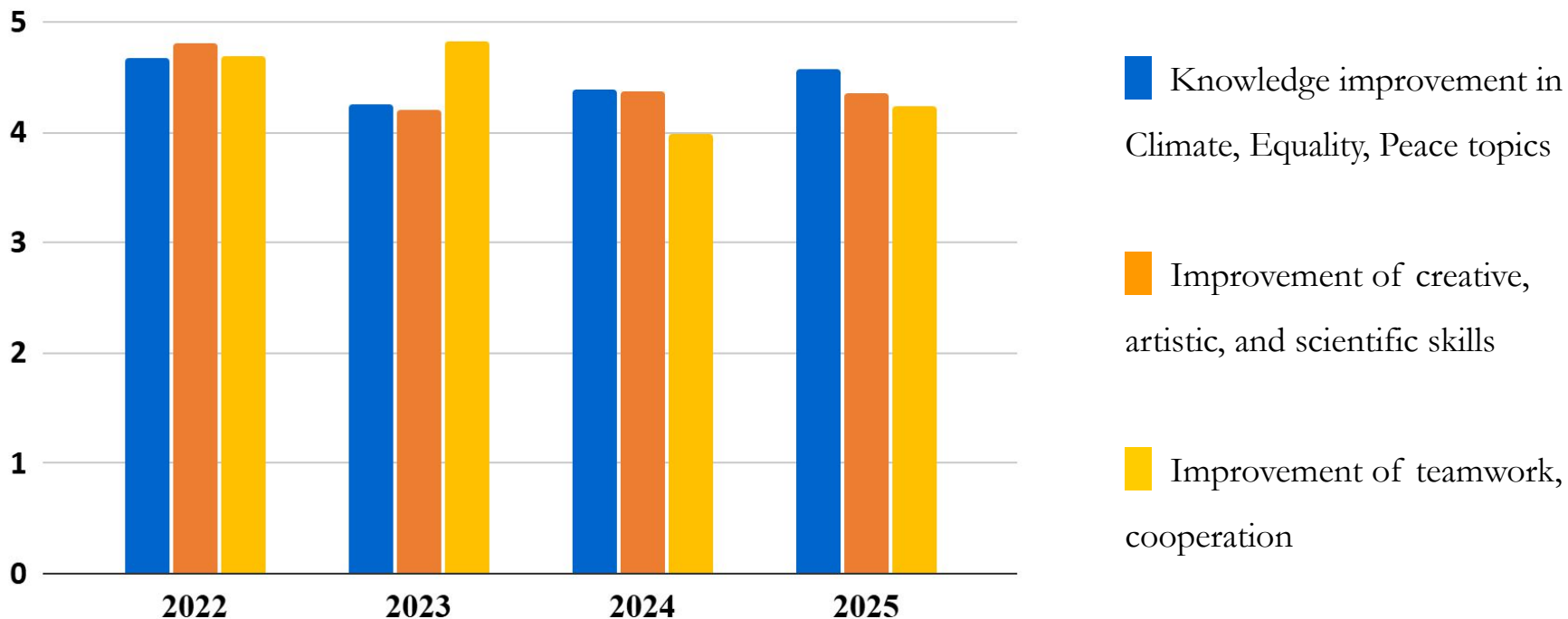


Impact 2025

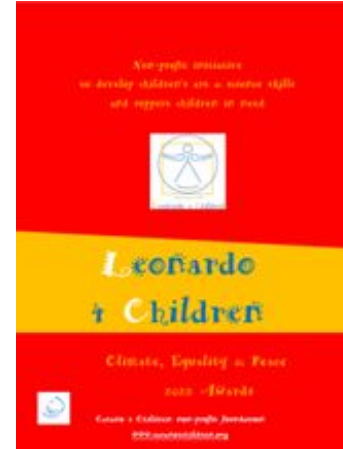
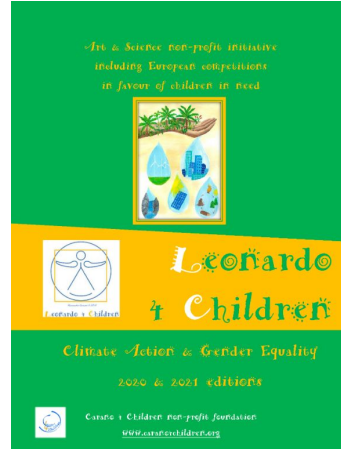
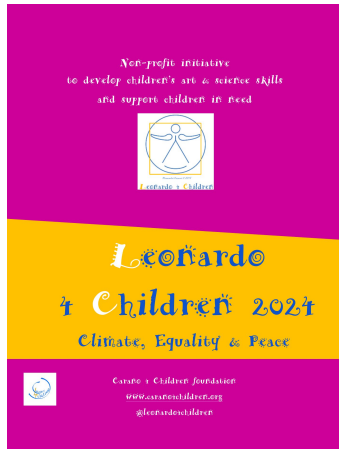
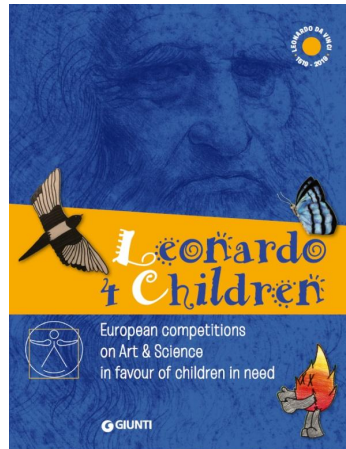


Impact of Awards participation: Participant feedback

Scale from 1 (Very little) to 5 (to a great extent)



Leonardo 4 Children Books



Recent beneficiary projects 2024-25



Leonardo 4 Children Events 2025

23 February 2025, Turin

Workshop and concert in favor of Save
The Children

7-9 April 2025, Vilnius

Erasmus+ meeting and concert

17-19 May 2025, Florence

Workshops and concert in favor of
Meyer Hospital

2-4 June 2025, Athens

Erasmus+ meeting and concert

17 June 2025, Brussels

Final Conference Erasmus+ project

6 October 2025, Brussels

Annual Awards Ceremony

14-16 November 2025

Vinci - Matera film festival

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Leonardo 4 Children Academy 2024-2025

ERASMUS+ Project

Created an **innovative educational model** for teachers on **Climate & Equality** using **Art & Science**.

5 schools (Brussels, Florence, Prague, Athens, Vilnius) + European University Institute Turin + Associated Partners.



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Leonardo 4 Children Academy Model

Goal

Prepare children and young people as responsible leaders addressing global challenges such as climate change and equality through STEAM education.



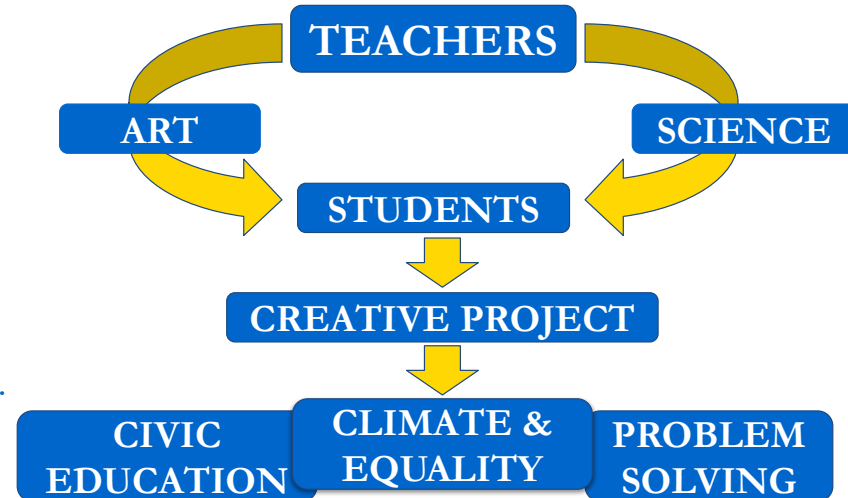
Approach

- Promote Art & Science skills to encourage creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
- Enable teachers to strengthen students' STEAM competencies, teamwork, proactivity, and social awareness.



Learning Outcomes

- Deeper understanding of global issues.
- Emotional intelligence, communication, and collaboration.
- Respect for nature, human dignity, and civic responsibility.



<https://www.leonardo4children.com/model/>

Leonardo 4 Children Awards



www.leonardo4children.com/awards-2026

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Leonardo 4 Children Awards

Open to children and teenagers resident in
European Union + global regions with partners

Categories:

1. Fables by children aged 6-12
2. Art & Science by teenagers aged 13-18
3. Leonardo 4 Music by composers up to 30
 - I. Under 18 years
 - II. 18-30 years
4. Leonardo 4 Teachers



Open from September 2025 to 30 April 2026

The Award allows children to use their creativity and their artistic and scientific skills to:

- Create an original fable on climate, equality or peace of max 200 words with a “morale” at the end
- Illustrate it with comic strip OR interpret with music, dance or theatre performance
- Bonus for multicultural and teamwork



1. Fables Award Scoring criteria

- Ability to address the issue of climate change, equality and/or peace;
- Creativity and originality;
- Quality of illustration and visual impact;
- Work is part of a class / team activity.





1. Fables Award

The authors of the works with the 10 best scoring will receive:

- **Talent Development Programme**, with a budget for each winner of € 500 (top 3 winners) / € 200 (4th-10th winner) to develop their skills in art & science, for instance with workshops, courses, meeting with experts, visits and material;
- **Publication** in Leonardo 4 Children book used for raising funds and as donation to children in need;
- **Presentation** at workshop and Award ceremony; promotion on website, social media and promotional material, at public events, institutions or public places including famous museums, and during concerts and events;
- Leonardo 4 Children **award certificate**.

1. Fables: Special Awards

The **Special Awards** are created in collaboration with, and thanks to the support of, sponsors and partners, to offer specific challenges to participants, and opportunities to win special experiences in the field of art and science.



1. Fables: Special Awards

1. Diderot project - Piemonte e Val d'Aosta*

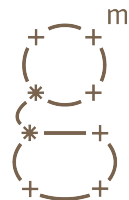
**schools enrolled in the "Leonardo 4 Children" Diderot project only*

Winners receive a budget to be used for Talent Development and a budget to cover their trip to Brussels to the annual Leonardo 4 Children Awards Ceremony and charity concert (autumn 2026).



2. Cinema and audio-visual

The foundation will promote the works with cinema, museum, and audiovisual partners.



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Istituto e Museo
di Storia della Scienza

3. Galileo Museum Florence

Free guided visit of the Museo Galileo in Florence and workshop.

The winning works will be exhibited at the Museum.

2. Art & Science Award (Teenagers aged 13-18)

Open from September 2025 to 30 April 2026

The Award allows teenagers to use their creativity, artistic and scientific skills to create an original work integrating:

- one artistic topic (eg music, dance, sculpture, drawing, painting) and
- one scientific topic (eg energy, transport, aeronautics, biology, ICT, social sciences)

on climate, equality or peace, addressing the issue and possibly proposing a solution.





2. Art & Science Award

The work should:

- be made in physical material or multimedia/digital means (picture, video), and can consist of: drawing or painting; novel, story or poem; music or dance performance; handicraft or sculpture; project design or any other creative work;
- be **inspiring** for people;
- be **original** and not contain any third party's work;
- be possibly done by participating teenagers in a **team** and in the context of a class activity.



2. Art & Science Award Scoring criteria

- Ability to address the issue of climate change, equality and/or peace;
- Creativity, originality, and innovation;
- Ability to inspire people;
- Quality and integration of art and science;
- Multicultural dimension and teamwork.



2. Art & Science Award

The authors of the works with the 10 best scoring will receive an award, consisting in:

- **Talent Development Programme**, with a budget for each winner of € 500 (top 3 winners) / € 200 (4th-10th winner) to develop their skills in art & science
- **Publication** in Leonardo 4 Children book used for raising funds and as donation to children in need;
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2. Art & Science: Special Awards

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2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) applied to Climate, Equality and Peace Partner EY

Winners will receive a special dedicated workshop on “AI future skills” by EY experts in AI.

3. Cinema and audio-visual

The foundation will seek partners to promote the works of the winners in cinema museums and with audio-visual companies.

2. Art & Science: Special Awards

4. Design of Vespa motorbike - partner Piaggio Museum

A guided visit in the Piaggio Museum in Pontedera, Tuscany (Italy), and the winning works will be exhibited at the Museum. Piaggio will not cover travel costs.



5. Cybersecurity and Internet and social media safety - AXA

Winners receive the AXA Special Award and a workshop from AXA on the topic of cybersecurity.

6. Wine label design on peace - La Pace

The winning work will be published in a special limited edition of LaPace wine.



2. Art & Science: Special Awards

7. Galileo Museum Florence

Free guided visit of the Museo Galileo in Florence and workshop.
The winning works will be exhibited at the Museum.



8. Leonardo da Vinci - Ambrosiana Library Milan

Winners will receive free tickets and a special workshop on
Leonardo's manuscripts from the Ambrosiana Library in Milan.

2. Art & Science: Special Awards

9. Special Award Marina Calamai

Workshop on jewel making and “Labyrinth of Love” environmental quiz with Marina Calamai.



10. Special Award Italian Institute of Culture Brussels

Workshop at the Italian Institute Culture in Brussels on Italian culture.

3. Leonardo 4 Music Award (composers up to 30)

Open from September 2025 to 30 April 2026

The Award allows young composers to use their creativity, artistic and scientific skills to create an original composition:

- Inspired on Climate, Equality & Peace by Leonardo, previous Leonardo 4 Children winners, or a movie scene or story (poem, fable)
- Tonal music
- Duration 3-10'
- Using between 1 and 7 instruments
- With optional voices/choirs



3. Leonardo 4 Music Scoring criteria

- Inspiration on the selected topic of climate, equality and/or peace;
- Creativity and originality;
- Quality of tonal music;
- Quality of vocal and choral elements, if applicable;
- Alignment with Leonardo's work or other source of inspiration (movie, story)





3. Leonardo 4 Music

The first 2 winners will receive a **Talent Development Programme** of € 750 (nr 1) / € 500 (nr 2) each to develop their music talent



Invitation to perform at future Leonardo 4 Children concerts and the award ceremony in prestigious locations in Brussels and Europe.

3. Leonardo 4 Music: Special Awards

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3. Leonardo 4 Music: Special Awards

1. Contemporary music programme - Lunigiana International Music Festival

1st and 2nd place will be automatically admitted to the Contemporary music Program LIMF



2. ArtLink Belgrade Festival

The music of Leonardo 4 Music 2026 winners will be played at ArtLink Festival or other events organised by ArtLink Belgrade.

3. Leonardo 4 Music: Special Awards

4. Music score online publication - J.K. Mertz Edition

The 1st place original music will be published in digital format with the J.K. Mertz Edition.



5. Best Female composer - partner Erika Zoi

Winner will receive a specific workshop in Rome by Erika Zoi, Italian composer and pianist.

6. Choir composition - partner Rusca family

Special Award of 300€



4. Leonardo 4 Teachers

Open from September 2025 to 30 April 2026

The Award allows teachers and educators to showcase their training inspired by the Leonardo 4 Children Academy model:

- Develop competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) in children or teenagers, based on the Leonardo 4 Children Academy model www.leonardo4children.com
- Integrate art & science and develop the artistic and scientific skills of students: children aged 6-12 or teenagers aged 13-18;
- Describe the method used;
- Provide a video or photographic material depicting the process application and final works.





4. Leonardo 4 Teachers

The winner of the Leonardo 4 Teachers Awards will receive a budget of €400, to be used to cover their **travel to Brussels** for the annual Leonardo 4 Children workshop and Awards ceremony.

L4C Awards: Timetable

Date	Activity	Details
30 April 2026	Deadline for applications	Submit entries to the Google Forms on the website www.leonardo4children.com/awards-2026
Beginning June 2026	Announcement of winners	- Top 10 & Special Awards for <i>Fables</i> - Top 10 & Special Awards for <i>A&S</i> - Top 2 & Special Awards for <i>Leonardo 4 Music</i> - Top 1 for <i>Leonardo 4 Teachers</i>
20 September 2026	Talent development forms and materials for the workshop	1-minute video presentations and talent development proposals by winners
October 2026	Workshop & Award ceremony	Workshop: Winner's presentations and jury selection of final Top 3 Award ceremony: Announcement of winners and concert
July - December 2026	Talent development programme & Special Awards	Implementation of talent development activity & reimbursement by C4C

Next events

6 May 2026 (tbc)	Possible event in Luxembourg
30 May 2026	Diderot L4C Piemonte & Valle d'Aosta Turin for Save the Children Italy
1st week July 2026	Possible Summer school in Florence (eg 40 children)
9 October 2026 (tbc)	L4C Awards: workshop, ceremony & concert

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