

Participation and Speaking Policy for the Zero Project Conference 2027

The Zero Project Conference 2027 will be held at the United Nations Office at Vienna.

As a UN-hosted event, the conference is subject to established UN protocols governing who may formally participate, represent a state, or speak on UN premises. Under these rules – rooted in UN General Assembly resolutions including Resolution 1991 (XVIII) and Resolution 3237 (XXIX) – formal participation is reserved for:

- Member states of the United Nations, and
- Entities formally recognized by the General Assembly with observer or equivalent status

The Essl Foundation is required to operate within this framework. This means that individuals holding nationality from a non-member state or unrecognized territory (such as Taiwan or Kosovo) cannot be invited to attend the Zero Project Conference 2027, and organizations based in such territories cannot be represented at the Award Ceremony.

What this means for Zero Project Awardees, #ZeroCall27 shortlisted innovations, and peer-reviewers

These restrictions apply only to conference participation. They do not affect the nomination or selection process. Individuals and organizations from non-member states or unrecognized territories are still fully eligible to:

- Receive a Zero Project Award 2027
- Appear on the #ZeroCall27 Shortlist
- Participate in peer-review sessions during the selection process

We recognize this is a difficult limitation, and we regret any impact it has on affected awardees and partners.

For questions about participation, please contact the Zero Project Team at office@zeroproject.org.