**PRESS RELEASE**

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## GROHE Design Prize 2026 by iF Design:

**GROHE underlines its strong commitment to promoting young talent and once again awards a special prize as part of the iF DESIGN STUDENT AWARD**

- **Awards ceremony in Frankfurt, World Design Capital 2026**
- **Five student concepts honored**
- **Winners from Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and the Republic of Korea recognized**

As a leading global brand for innovative bathroom solutions and kitchen fittings, GROHE, part of LIXIL, once again honored **five outstanding student concepts** with the **GROHE Design Prize 2026 by iF Design** as part of the iF DESIGN STUDENT AWARD 2026. The prize winners ceremonially received their certificates for the special prize on the main stage at Westhafen Pier 1 on 11 June in the World Design Capital RheinMain 2026.

For many years, GROHE has been passionately committed to supporting young design talent – especially as a sponsor of the iF DESIGN STUDENT AWARD. **Patrick Speck, Leader LIXIL GLOBAL DESIGN, Europe & Americas:** “With the GROHE Design Prize, we want to send a strong signal: our future is being shaped today in the minds of young designers. At GROHE, we see design as a responsible task – especially when it comes to water and resources. The concepts we recognize together with iF Design show us how boldly and precisely the next generation is responding to issues such as climate, health and social participation. For us, this special prize is not a matter of image, but an investment in people who will visibly change our industry and everyday life within just a few years.”

## The GROHE Design Prize 2026 by iF Design goes to:

**LiliPur – Living Water Infrastructure / System for regenerating the lagoon due to eutrophication**
→ Riccardo Zambelli Hosmer, Matteo Bernasconi, Camilla Piantanida, Dafne Argondizza from Istituto Europeo di Design Milano, Italy

**Pathable / AI-supported, accessible travel service**
→ Hyunggeun Oh, Hongik University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

**CAIRE / Lifting and seating aid for patients for caregivers**
→ Svea Sommerhage, Gunnar Schulze Pröbsting, Antonia Saure, Münster University of Applied Sciences, Germany

**OnCue / Adaptive keyboard system to relieve symptoms of Parkinson's disease**
→ Alessandra Galli, TU Delft, The Netherlands

**ÓRTESIS URBANA (URBAN ORTHOSIS) / Small-scale urban space elements for neighbourhood networks**
→ Paula Garrote González, IED, Spain

## All award-winning concepts of the GROHE Design Prize 2026 at:

## https://ifdesign.com/en/grohe-design-prize-by-if-design

### About GROHE

GROHE is a leading global brand for comprehensive bathroom solutions and kitchen fittings. Since 2014, GROHE has been part of the strong brand portfolio of LIXIL, a leading manufacturer of pioneering water technologies and building equipment. To deliver "Pure Freude an Wasser", every GROHE product is based on the brand values of quality, technology, design and sustainability.

From curated experiences of the luxury sub-brand GROHE SPA to thoughtfully designed water solutions for every home: GROHE offers tailored products for the diverse needs of professional partners and their differentiated target groups.

Water is at the heart of everything GROHE does. That is why the value chain and its impacts are managed responsibly, making an important contribution to LIXIL's Impact Strategy: by developing technologies designed to optimize water- and energy-saving potential, GROHE enables a more conscious use of resources without compromising its brand promise of "Pure Freude an Wasser".

### About the iF DESIGN STUDENT AWARD

With around 7,000 submissions from more than 80 nations each year, the iF DESIGN STUDENT AWARD is one of the world's most important and significant young talent competitions for emerging designers. It honors concepts by students and graduates in the fields of design and architecture that address the achievement of the SDGs. The most outstanding ideas are rewarded with a total prize money of EUR 50,000. Together with its sponsors, iF Design offers the winners an international stage and a springboard for a successful start to their careers. For more than 20 years, iF Design has regarded the promotion of international young design talent as part of its social responsibility.

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