

Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration

Statute of the contest

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Article 1: Organisers and prize

1.1 The Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration is set up, organised and delivered by EuropeanConstitution.eu, a French non-profit dedicated to promoting the adoption of a European Constitution, as well as European integration and federalism. EuropeanConstitution.eu is based near the French city of Cognac, birthplace of Jean Monnet, Father of Europe and ardent supporter of European federalism. The 2018 Edition of the Jean Monnet Prize is organised under the patronage of the European Commission Representation in France.

1.2 The Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration aims at:

- Rewarding individuals and groups for efforts in promoting European integration and federalism;
- Encouraging more citizens, in Europe and abroad, to promote, contribute to, and strengthen European integration and unity; and
- Honouring Jean Monnet's memory and life-long engagement in favour of European integration and federalism.

1.3 The Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration shall be awarded annually. The Prize

rewards implemented projects (or projects under implementation) that support ever-closer European integration and contribute to bringing Europeans together. The winning project will be awarded a prize of EUR 1,500.

Article 2: Participants and conditions of participation

2.1 This contest is for the Jean Monnet Prize is free and open to all individuals or groups – whether formally registered as an organisation or institution or not –, regardless of their citizenship, having developed and set up or implemented (or started to implement) a project supporting European political, economic or social integration.

2.2 The project, or substantial parts of it, must have already been set up or implemented; the Prize does not seek to reward a project in need of funding to initiate its set-up or implementation.

2.3 Applicants must be over 18. In case of a group, members of the group may be below 18, provided the individual in charge of and carrying out the application be over 18.

Article 3: Candidacy, selection process and award

3.1 The deadline for applications is 9 October, 23:59 CST. Applications shall be sent electronically to application@europeanconstitution.eu. No application sent by postal mail will be considered.

3.2 The format for applications is open and no template is provided. The application shall be written in English. Applications shall present the project's inception, the people and partners involved in its design and implementation, the way it supports or furthers European integration, concrete results and outcome, as well as any other relevant information for a detailed comprehension of the project as a whole. This application document shall not be longer than five pages; relevant and short annexes may be added to the application document. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

3.3 The application document shall contain the updated contact details of at least one person in charge of the project. The Prize Selection Committee reserves the right to make due verifications of all information contained in the application. Unverifiable applications will be screened out.

3.4 Following the closure of the application period, EuropeanConstitution.eu's Prize Selection Committee shall review the projects and select the winner. The Prize Selection Committee shall be solely responsible for the selection of the winner and decide at its own discretion. No recourse or appeal shall be provided and the Prize Selection Committee shall not be required to motivate its decisions. Conversely, the Prize Selection Committee shall strive to pre-empt and prevent any conflict of interest between its members and the projects under review, in order to offer a fair chance to participants.

3.5 Exceptionally, should the Prize Selection Committee find there be no suitable projects for a given year, it may decide to either extend the deadline for applications or withhold the Prize for that year.

3.6 Once announced, the winning project's leader(s) shall provide the Prize Selection Committee with bank details for the transfer of the prize money. EuropeanConstitution.eu shall endeavour to wire the amount as soon as possible and bear the resulting banking fees.

3.7 Presentations of the best three projects shall be displayed on EuropeanConstitution.eu's website.

3.8 The Prize Selection Committee will explore the opportunity to organise an official award ceremony, preferably in Brussels. No commitment for such a ceremony can, however, be made at this point.

Article 4: Proposed calendar for 2018

9 August: opening of the application period, for two months;

9 October: closing of the application period, beginning of the Selection Committee's deliberations;

9 November: official announcement of the winner(s) of the Jean Monnet Prize, on the anniversary of Jean Monnet's birth.

Article 5: Follow-up from prize winners

5.1 The winner(s) of the [Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration](#) commit to providing a 6-months and 12-months update of their activity and of that of their project, following receipt of the Prize.

5.2 This update – between one and three pages – shall describe in details the evolution of the project, its achievements, and its perspectives. The document can further include broader considerations for the project to be replicated or scaled up. Elements from these updates may feed the online description of the winning project.

Article 6: Miscellaneous provisions and privacy

6.1 All participants to this contest commit to:

- Having [read, understood](#) and [accepted without reservation](#) the present conditions;
- Only submitting projects for which they are directly and officially responsible; and
- Attending the award ceremony, should there be one, or make all necessary arrangements to be represented.

6.2 Participants expressly authorise [EuropeanConstitution.eu](#) to use and distribute their images (via paper and internet) and the characteristic elements of their project, including its logo, for the promotion of the Jean Monnet Prize. They waive, for the purposes of this contest only, claims to any rights to their image, logo and any other communications material, and agree in advance to the dissemination of photographs that may be taken during the award ceremony.

6.3 Participants expressly authorise [EuropeanConstitution.eu](#) to keep a record of their application document, contact details, as well as all related information. This information may be used in the future for promotional and communications material regarding the Jean Monnet Prize. Outside of this promotional and communications effort, this information shall not be communicated or shared with third-parties.

6.4 The applications filled by participants, as well as the deliberations of the Prize Selection Committee are confidential. People made aware of their content shall be bound to the strictest professional secrecy.

6.5 In accordance with the provisions of Article 26 of Law No. 78-17 of January 6, 1978, relating to IT systems, files and freedoms, participants have the right to access and rectify the information they communicated.

6.6 In the event of force majeure, EuropeanConstitution.eu reserves the right to postpone, shorten, extend or cancel this contest without its liability incurred as a result.

6.7 The present Statute shall enter into force on the date of endorsement by the board of EuropeanConstitution.eu. The board shall have the right to interpret this Statute.

6.8 The Statute of this contest is available on-line at: europeanconstitution.eu/jean-monnet-prize.