



Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration 2021 Statute

Article 1: Organisers and prize

1.1 The <u>Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration</u> is set up, organised and delivered by <u>EuropeanConstitution.eu</u>, 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 2021 edition of the Jean Monnet Prize is organised under the patronage of the European Parliament and with the support of pro-European partners.

1.2 The Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration aims at:

- Rewarding individuals and groups for efforts in promoting European integration and federalism;
- Encouraging 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 Prize rewards implemented projects—or projects under implementation—that support European integration and contribute to bringing Europeans together. The first winning project will be awarded a prize grant of EUR 1,500.

Article 2: Conditions of participation

2.1 The contest for the Jean Monnet Prize is free and open to all individuals or groups—whether formally registered as an organisation or institution or not and regardless of their citizenship—having developed and implemented (or started to implement) a

project supporting European integration, be it from a political, economic, social, academic, cultural or other perspective.

- 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 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 call for applications opens on 9 August 2021. The deadline for applications is 9 October 2021, 23:59 Brussels time. No late application will be considered.
- 3.2 Applications shall be made online, using the dedicated form on EuropeanConstitution.eu's website. No application sent by postal or electronic mail will be considered.
- 3.3 The application shall be written in English; applications in other languages will not be considered.
- 3.4 The format of the application is provided by the online form; incomplete applications will not be considered. The application 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.
- 3.5 Following the closure of the application period, the Prize Selection Committee shall review the projects and select the winner, who shall receive the prize grant. 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 decision. In order to offer a fair chance to participants, the Prize Selection Committee shall strive to pre-empt and prevent any conflict of interest between its members and the projects under review.

- 3.6 In addition to the winner, the Prize Selection Committee may select up to two runners-up. Runners-up do not qualify for a grant.
- 3.7 Should the Prize Selection Committee find no suitable projects, it may decide to extend the deadline for applications. Exceptionally, it may withhold the attribution of the Prize for that year.
- 3.8 Following the announcement of the winner, the winning project's leader(s) shall provide the Prize Selection Committee with bank details for the transfer of the prize grant. EuropeanConstitution.eu shall endeavour to wire the grant as soon as possible and bear the resulting banking fees.
- 3.9 Presentations of the winning project and runners-up, if applicable, shall be displayed on EuropeanConstitution.eu's website.
- 3.10 The Prize Selection Committee will explore the opportunity to organise an official award ceremony, preferably in Brussels. However, no commitment for such a ceremony can be made.

Article 4: Timeline

- 9 August: opening of the application period, for a duration of two months;
- 9 October: closing of the application period and beginning of the Prize Selection Committee's deliberations:
- 9 November: announcement of the winner of the Jean Monnet Prize, on the anniversary of Jean Monnet's birth; runners-up may be announced on the preceding days.

Article 5: Follow-up from prize winner and runners-up

- 5.1 The winner and runners-up, if applicable, 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.
- 5.2 This update—between one and three pages—shall describe 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 winner and runners-up.

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 to, shared with, or sold to 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 <u>Law No. 78-17 of January 6, 1978</u>, 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 and on 9 August at the latest. The board shall have the right to interpret this Statute.
- 6.8 The interpretation, validity and execution of this Statute shall be done according to French law.
- 6.8 Queries can be sent to: <u>jeanmonnetprize@europeanconstitution.eu</u>. This Statute is available online at: <u>europeanconstitution.eu/JMP2021</u>.





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