

Terms of reference

#Solidaction Prizes to civil society local initiatives contributing to international solidarity

HOW TO APPLY?

- Complete and sign the **Application Form in English or French**
- Send this document in electronic form (Word or PDF) to the following e-mail address: nscinfo@coe.int Emails should contain the following reference in the subject: “#Solidaction Prizes to civil society local initiatives contributing to international solidarity”.
- Applications must be received **by 23:59 CET on 6 December 2020**

I. CONTEXT

In the framework of a general reflection about the concept of international solidarity and its implementation at the local and global level, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe launched the #Solidaction Campaign in April 2020. The aim is to showcase and support the voices of those who see in international solidarity a collective response to the current and future global crises. Whether we are confronting a pandemic, global warming, income inequality, racism or gender-based violence, solidarity depends on how we come together.

We have noticed, during the pandemic, that civil society actors came together in all parts of the world looking for prompt solutions to fight inequalities and collateral impacts of the global crisis at the local level. Civil society emerged to play an important role in protecting both people and our environment, moving fast, and responding to the needs on the ground in complementarity with public authorities. In this sense, many of those initiatives, even if they take place at the local level, contribute to enhance international solidarity. These initiatives bear testimony to what can be achieved when we stand up and decide to collaborate. In order to recognize, promote and support those initiatives, the Council of Europe is now launching a competition to award Prizes to civil society local initiatives that succeeded in addressing the needs on the ground despite the challenges of the global pandemic.

II. PRIZE

Three prizes consisting of a sum of €3,000 each will be awarded to the winners.

These Prizes will be awarded to 3 local initiatives contributing to international solidarity with a focus on:

- Education and citizen's consciousness or,
- Addressing vulnerabilities through intersectionality or,
- Intergenerational dialogue and environment.

The Prizes will be awarded during the second part of the Conference of INGOs autumn session, 16 December 2020. The prizes are non-transferable and non-exchangeable.

III. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Composition of the Evaluation Panel:

The Evaluation Panel of the competition is composed of one former laureate of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, one Programme manager of the North-South Centre by category and one Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe representative, member of the Bureau of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

The Evaluation Panel will select the three Prize winners.

All decisions made by the Council of Europe Secretariat and the Evaluation Panel regarding the award of the prizes are final and may not be appealed.

1. Exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interests

Applicants shall be excluded from the Prizes award procedure where they:

- have been sentenced by final judgment on one or more of the following charges: participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering;
- are in a situation of bankruptcy, liquidation, termination of activity, insolvency or arrangement with creditors or any like situation arising from a procedure of the same kind, or are subject to a procedure of the same kind;
- have received a judgment with res judicata force, finding an offence that affects their professional integrity or serious professional misconduct;
- do not comply with their obligations as regards payment of social security contributions, taxes and dues, according to the statutory provisions of their country of incorporation, establishment or residence;
- are or are likely to be in a situation of conflict of interests.

By signing the Application Form, applicants shall declare on their honour that they are not in any of the above-mentioned situations.

2. Eligibility criteria:

In order to be eligible for the Prizes, an applicant must:

- Have a bank account;
- Pledge to uphold and acknowledge the [#Solidaction Charter](#);
- Have a representative to attend the autumn session of the Conference of INGOs on December 16 during the #Solidaction Prizes Award Ceremony online.

3. Award criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The relevance and innovative aspect of the initiative regarding one of the three thematic below:
 - Education and citizen's consciousness or,
 - Addressing vulnerabilities through intersectionality or,
 - Intergenerational dialogue and environment.
- The pertinence of the initiative related to current context and urgent needs; The quality, accuracy, clarity, completeness of the application; The relevance of the project in the Framework of the #Solidaction Campaign follow-up in 2021;
- Be legally constituted as a non-governmental organisation;

4. Deadline for submission

The application form completed and signed must be submitted in electronic form (Word or PDF) to the following e-mail address: nscinfo@coe.int. Emails should contain the following reference in subject: “#Solidaction Prizes to civil society local initiatives contributing to international solidarity”. Failure to comply with the above requirements will result in the exclusion of the application.

Applications must be received by 23:59 CET on **6 December 2020**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Multiple applications are not authorised and will be excluded.

5. Personal data

Personal data of the applicant organisations’ representatives and contact persons (“data subjects”) are processed by the Council of Europe, who is the “data controller”, for the purpose of administering the applicants’ participation in the competition. The personal data include name, surname, title or position in the applicant organisation and, in respect of the contact persons, e-mail address and telephone number.

The personal data will be kept for a period of one year from the prize announcement date.

Only members of the Evaluation Panel and staff members of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe involved in the administration of the competition have access to the personal data.

As part of the communication related to and promotion of the #SolidAction Prize, the Council of Europe may disseminate the names and photographs of the representatives of the prize winning organisations. [The photographs may either be taken at the prize award ceremony, or sent by the prize winning organisations, upon the Council of Europe, specifically for the purpose of promoting the prize]. The other personal data communicated in the application form will not be disclosed to the public.

The Council of Europe may use the email addresses provided in the application form to send information and promote activities in the framework of the #Solidaction Campaign. The recipient can withdraw from receiving such e-mails at any time by notifying us accordingly by e-mail sent to nscinfo@coe.int.

Data subjects have the right to access, rectify and delete their personal data. These rights can be exercised by sending a request to this effect by e-mail to nscinfo@coe.int. Any query in this respect can also be addressed to the Council of Europe Data Protection Officer at dpo@coe.int.

