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0. Introduction

This is a call (contest)¹ for an EU recognition **prize** in the field of innovation under the **Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation**.

The regulatory framework for this EU Funding Programme is set out in:

- Regulation 2018/1046 ([EU Financial Regulation](#))
- the basic act (Horizon Europe Regulation(EU) 2021/695²)

The call is launched in accordance with the [2023 European Innovation Council \(EIC\) Work Programme](#)³ and will be managed by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency ('Agency').

We invite you to read the **call documentation** on the Funding & Tenders Portal Topic page carefully, and in particular these Rules of Contest and the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal Online Manual](#).

These documents provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- the [Call Document](#) (Rules of Contest) outlines the:
 - background, objectives, scope, activities that can be funded and the expected results (sections 1 and 2)
 - available budget and timetable (sections 3 and 4)
 - admissibility and eligibility conditions (including mandatory documents; sections 5 and 6)
 - criteria for exclusion (section 7)
 - evaluation and award procedure (section 8)
 - award criteria (section 9)
 - other conditions (section 10)
 - how to submit an application (section 11)
- the [Online Manual](#) outlines the procedures to register and submit applications online via the EU Funding & Tenders Portal ('Portal').

You are also encouraged to visit the [EIC Prizes website](#) to consult the list of prizes funded previously.

¹ For ease of reference and consistency on the Funding & Tenders Portal, the terms 'call', 'project' and 'participant' are used as equivalent to 'contest', 'application' or 'contestants/applicants'.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 OJ L 170/1 of 12.05.2021.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 8600 final of 7.12.2022 concerning the financing of the European Innovation Council component of the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) and on the adoption of the Work Programme for 2023.

1. Background

Humanitarian emergencies are increasing year by year in number, complexity, and severity. Given the scale of today's crises and disasters, funding to cover humanitarian needs cannot keep up. The humanitarian system is being challenged to do more, for more people, and at greater cost. The United Nations (UN) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates that, in 2022, at least 274 million people will need humanitarian assistance. The amount of aid requested by UN agencies was multiplied by ten times in the past two decades, from USD 3.8bn in 2005 to an expected USD 41bn in 2022.

Cooperation between international organisations and NGOs responding to crises, end-users and local actors, research and scientific communities and the private sector is crucial in this respect.

To meet these rising needs, innovative technological solutions which improve the efficiency and effectiveness of aid, play an important role.

Disruptive technological innovations have demonstrated their added value in delivering more efficient and effective humanitarian aid. Examples include use of artificial intelligence and predictive analytics to support disaster mapping and anticipatory action, digital delivery mechanisms for humanitarian cash transfers, the use of digital ID and biometrics to support identification, family reunification and access to services for displaced persons, customised humanitarian supplies made in the field thanks to 3D printing technology, the use of the Internet of Things to provide remote on the ground information to humanitarian responders, or humanitarian blockchains helping support transparency and reduce intermediary costs in goods and service delivery. Humanitarian aid can yield new market opportunities, including for small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), unleashing new possibilities to exploit technologies or products and heighten their contribution to solving societal challenges.

Whilst innovative technological solutions for the delivery of humanitarian aid are already helping enhance the humanitarian response, recognising innovators and helping innovations to reach scale is now a key challenge for ensuring their benefits flow to people affected by crises, and particularly those in a most vulnerable situation.

2. Objectives — Themes and priorities — Activities— Expected results

Objectives

It is in this context that the European Union (EU), the world's leading humanitarian aid donor, launches the European Prize for Humanitarian Innovation (EUInnovAid).

The European Prize for Humanitarian Innovation celebrates the humanitarian organisations, social enterprises, and companies that are developing technology to deliver better quality assistance to vulnerable people affected by natural disasters and man-made crises such as conflicts.

The prize recognises innovations and the organisations that develop them so that they may inspire other humanitarian actors to scale up actions that allow more effective and efficient delivery of humanitarian assistance.

The prize is in line with the objectives of the EU's Humanitarian Aid Communication⁴ to find ways to better tackle humanitarian needs in a fast-changing world, develop strong partnerships, seek innovative solutions to current and future challenges, and could contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Solutions submitted in the context of this prize should serve the needs of and be designed in close cooperation with affected populations, of those in a most vulnerable situation (taking age, gender, disability, and minority into consideration). They should be based on technological innovations and demonstrate the added value and potential of the technological solution to deliver more cost-effective and efficient aid. Cooperation between international organisations, NGOs, end-users, local actors, the private sector, but also research and innovation communities has particular benefits in this context.

The prize will be awarded to the organisations that have developed and are deploying innovative solutions for the delivery of humanitarian aid, that are cost-effective, simple to use and re-use, scalable in different humanitarian aid settings and sectors – such as emergency shelter and settlements; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); energy, heating or cooling; protection; education; mine assistance; health; food security and livelihoods; nutrition; coordination; and disaster risk reduction – and based inter alia on the application of digital technologies.

Solutions should be tested and proven use cases of disruptive innovation, aimed at changing the paradigm and promoting more efficient humanitarian aid delivery and based on advanced technologies and services, including digital technologies demonstrating the added value and potential of one or more advanced technologies.

Expected results

The European Prize for Humanitarian Innovation aims to **champion** organisations that have developed and are deploying more cost effective, more sustainable and higher-quality innovative aid delivery solutions, leading to an optimised use of humanitarian funding and an enhanced humanitarian response to urgent needs, notably for those in a most vulnerable situation (taking age, gender, disability and minority into consideration), in different humanitarian aid settings including (but not limited to) emergency shelter and settlements; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); energy, heating or cooling; protection; education; mine assistance; health; food security and livelihoods; nutrition; coordination; and disaster risk reduction.

The Awards will provide **a mark of recognition** for innovative organisations from within the humanitarian system and also in the private sector who have transformed their ideas into disruptive innovations which provide assistance to vulnerable people affected by humanitarian crises. In addition to the monetary reward, the prize brings **an enhanced visibility and a recognition** for innovators and their innovations within the humanitarian system leading to increased opportunities to scale up the deployment of these innovations in other contexts.

⁴ 'Communication on the EU's humanitarian action: New challenges, same principles' COM(2021) 110 final

3. Available budget

One first prize for the winner of the European Prize for Humanitarian Innovation of EUR 250 000 (ranked 1st), and two runner-up prizes of EUR 150 000 and EUR 100 000 for the applications ranked 2nd and 3rd.

4. Timetable and deadlines

Timetable and deadlines	
Call opening:	21 March 2023
Deadline for submission:	03 October 2023 – 17:00:00 CET (Brussels)
Evaluation:	October 2023 – January 2024
Information on evaluation results/ award:	Q1 – Q2 2024

5. Admissibility and documents

Applications must be submitted before the **call deadline** (see *timetable section 4*).

Applications must be submitted **electronically** via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System (accessible via the Topic page in the [Search Funding & Tenders](#) section). Paper submissions are NOT possible.

Applications (including annexes and supporting documents) must be submitted using the forms provided *inside* the Submission System (⚠ NOT the documents available on the Topic page — they are only for information).


Applications must be **complete** and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents:

- Application Form Part A — contains administrative information about the applicant organisations (*to be filled in directly online*)
- Application Form Part B — contains the technical description of the application (*to be downloaded from the Portal Submission System, completed and then assembled and re-uploaded*)

Your application must be **readable, accessible, printable**.

Applications are limited to maximum 20 **pages** (Part B). Evaluators will not consider any additional pages.

You may be asked at a later stage for further documents (*for legal entity validation, bank account validation, ethics review, declaration of honour, etc*).

 For more information about the submission process (including IT aspects), consult the [Online Manual](#).

6. Eligibility

Eligible participants (eligible countries)

In order to be eligible, the applicants must comply with the following criteria:

- Eligible applicants are any humanitarian non-governmental organisation, international organisation, and/or legal entity established in one of the Member States (including overseas countries and territories, OCTs) or a country associated to Horizon Europe.
- Applicants that have already received an EU or Euratom prize cannot receive a second prize for the same activities.

Applicants must register in the [Participant Register](#) — before the call deadline — and will have to be validated by the Central Validation Service (REA Validation). For the validation, you will be requested to upload documents showing legal status and origin.

Specific cases

Entities without legal personality — Entities which do not have legal personality under their national law may exceptionally participate, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf, and offer guarantees for the protection of the EU financial interests equivalent to that offered by legal persons⁵.

Third countries currently negotiating association agreements to Horizon Europe — Applicants established in Horizon 2020 Associated countries or in other third countries with ongoing negotiations may participate in the call and can receive a prize if the Horizon Europe association agreement with the third country concerned applies at the time when the award decision is taken (see Annex 2 General conditions for proposals in the EIC Work Programme 2023 – page 147) .

EU restrictive measures — Special rules apply for certain entities (*e.g. entities subject to [EU restrictive measures](#) under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)*⁶ and entities covered by Commission Guidelines No [2013/C 205/05](#)⁷). Such entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity.

 For more information, see [Rules for Legal Entity Validation, LEAR Appointment and Financial Capacity Assessment](#).

Eligible activities

Eligible activities are the ones set out in section 2 above.

Ethics and values

Activities must comply with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.

⁵ See Article 197(2)(c) EU Financial Regulation [2018/1046](#).

⁶ Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#).

⁷ Commission guidelines No [2013/C 205/05](#) on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp. 9-11).

Moreover, they must respect basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

The activities must comply with:

- ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity and the humanitarian principles⁸) and
- applicable international, EU and national law

and may not:

- aim at human cloning for reproductive purposes
- intend to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be financed), or
- intend to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.

Moreover activities must have an exclusive focus on civil applications and no prize can be awarded for activities carried out within or outside the EU, if they are prohibited in all Member States.

Applications involving ethics issues will have to undergo an ethics review to authorise funding. Applications that do not respect the above ethical principles and standards cannot be awarded a prize.

Security

Applications involving EU classified information must comply with Decision [2015/444](#)⁹ and its implementing rules. Applications that are too security-sensitive cannot be awarded a prize.

7. Exclusion

Applicants which are subject to an **EU exclusion decision** or in one of the following **exclusion situations** that bar them from receiving EU funding can NOT participate¹⁰:

- bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)
- guilty of grave professional misconduct¹¹ (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the prize)

⁸ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/who/humanitarian-principles_en

¹⁰ See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulation [2018/1046](#).

¹¹ Professional misconduct includes: violation of ethical standards of the profession, wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility, false declarations/misrepresentation of information, participation in a

- committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the prize)
- shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the prize)
- guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No [2988/95](#) (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the prize)
- created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the prize).

Applicants will also be refused if it turns out that¹²:

- during the award procedure they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information
- they were previously involved in the preparation of the call and this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise (conflict of interest).

8. Evaluation and award procedure

Applications will be subject to a formal evaluation by a **jury**.

If there are more than 50 applications, there will be a **pre-selection phase** to select the best 50 applications to pass to jury review. Otherwise, all applications will pass directly to jury review.

The pre-selection panel and jury usually have a different composition, but jury members may participate in the pre-selection panel.

The pre-selection panel/jury will evaluate each application against the award criteria.

For applications with the same score, the pre-selection panel/jury will determine a **priority order** according to the following approach: The score for the criterion No 1 will be given a weight of 2 and the score for criterion No 3 will be given a weight of 1.5. If two or more applications still tie for any rank, the prize will be equally divided and

cartel or other agreement distorting competition, violation of IPR, attempting to influence decision-making processes or obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain advantage.

¹² See Article 141(1) EU Financial Regulation [2018/1046](#).

awarded to all applications with the same score.

On the basis of the evaluation by the jury (and after the mandatory checks: *ethics review, security scrutiny, legal entity validation, non-exclusion, double funding and plagiarism, etc*), the awarding authority will decide on the award of the prize.

All applications will be informed about the evaluation result (**evaluation result letter**). Successful applications will be awarded the prize; the not successful ones will be rejected.

If you believe that the evaluation procedure was flawed, you can submit a **complaint** (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the evaluation result letter). Please note that notifications are deemed to have been accessed (and received) 10 days after sending and that deadlines will be counted from then (*see also [Funding & Tenders Portal Terms and Conditions](#)*).

9. Award criteria

If admissible and eligible, the applications will be evaluated and ranked against the following **award criteria**:

- **award criterion 1: Innovative solution** – An innovative solution tested successfully and safely in a humanitarian aid environment and on a sufficient scale, with a demonstrated potential of adaptability and scalability under different humanitarian aid settings and responding to the needs of those in a most vulnerable situation (taking age, gender, disability and minority into consideration).
- **award criterion 2: Quality and sustainability** – Quality and sustainability of the solution based on the application of advanced, technologies including digital technologies, by demonstrating improved robustness and quality of response compared to existing solutions and by taking account scarcity of resources and potential environmental impacts.
- **award criterion 3: Affordability and cost-effectiveness** – Affordability and cost-effectiveness for beneficiaries and organisations responding to crisis, meaning a better value for money compared to existing solutions (considering notably the installation, operational and maintenance costs).
- **award criterion 4: Engagement with end users** – Engagement with end users amongst affected populations to facilitate their involvement in the design of the solution, and perspective of a business case for (re)deployment of the solution at scale.

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Innovative solution	8	15
Quality and sustainability	6	10
Affordability and cost Effectiveness	8	15
Engagement with end users	6	10

Overall (pass) scores	28	50
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Maximum points: 50 points.

Individual thresholds: 8/15 points, 6/10 points, 8/15 points and 6/10 points.

Overall threshold: 28 points.

Applications must pass both the individual thresholds AND the overall threshold. The prize will be awarded to the applications ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with the best scores. Other applications will be rejected.

10. Other conditions

Payment arrangements

The prize money will be paid to the prize winners after the award ceremony, provided all the requested documents have been submitted. In case of a group of winners, the payment will be made to the lead applicant.

Communication — Dissemination — Visibility of funding

Prize winners must promote the prize and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner.

Communication activities related to the prize (*including media interviews, press statements, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.*), must acknowledge EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement (translated into local languages, where appropriate):



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The emblem must remain distinct and separate and cannot be modified by adding other visual marks, brands or text.

Apart from the emblem, no other visual identity or logo may be used to highlight the EU support.

When displayed in association with other logos (*e.g. of winners or sponsors*), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos.

For the purposes of these obligations, the winners may use the emblem without first obtaining approval from the awarding authority. This does not, however, give them the right to exclusive use. Moreover, they may not appropriate the emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

Any communication or dissemination activity related to the prize must use factually accurate information.

Moreover, it must indicate the following disclaimer (translated into local languages where appropriate):

“Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or of the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency. Neither the European Union nor the awarding authority can be held responsible for them.”

IPR – Rights of use

The awarding authority does not obtain ownership of the results produced in the context of the prize.

The awarding authority has the right to use non-sensitive information relating to the prize and materials and documents received from the winners (*such as pictures or audio-visual material, in paper or electronic form*) for information, communication, dissemination and publicity purposes.

Photos and videos taken by the awarding authority either in preparation of the award ceremony or during the award ceremony are the sole property of the awarding authority.

Additional communication, dissemination and exploitation obligations

Following the announcement of the finalists, they might be requested to provide pictures and a one-minute video displaying their innovative solution in an attractive way. The European Commission and the Agency will use those videos and pictures at the award ceremony and other relevant occasions to promote the prize and the finalists.

Checks, audits and investigations

The awarding authority, the European Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) and the European Court of

Auditors (ECA) may carry out checks, audits and investigations in relation to the prize.¹³

Withdrawal of the prize — Recovery of undue amounts

The awarding authority may withdraw the prize after its award and recover all payments made, if it finds out that:

- false information, fraud or corruption was used to obtain it
- the prize winners were not eligible or should have been excluded or
- the prize winners are in serious breach of their obligations under these Rules of Contest.

11. How to submit an application

All applications must be submitted directly online via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System. Paper applications are NOT accepted.

You can access the Portal [here](#), or by clicking 'Apply now' on the official prize webpage.

Submission is a **2-step** process:

a) create a user account and register your organisation

To use the Submission System (the only way to apply), all participants need to [create an EULogin user account](#).

Once you have an EULogin account, you can [register your organisation](#) in the Participant Register. When your registration is finalised, you will receive a 9-digit participant identification code (PIC).

b) submit the application

Access the Electronic Submission System via the Topic page in the [Search Funding & Tenders](#) section.

Submit your application in 3 parts, as follows:

- Part A includes administrative information about the applicant organisations. Fill it in directly online.
- Part B (description of the action) covers the technical content of the application. Download the mandatory word template from the Submission System, fill it in and upload it as a PDF file.

Annexes (if any; *see section 5*). Upload them as PDF files.

¹³ For the powers of OLAF, EPPO and ECA, see Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18/09/2013, p. 1), Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/1996 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L 292, 15/11/1996, p. 2), Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') and Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) and Article 257 of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046.

The application must keep to the **page limits** (see *section 5*); excess pages will be disregarded.

Documents must be uploaded to the **right category** in the Submission System otherwise the application might be considered incomplete and thus inadmissible.

The application must be submitted **before the call deadline** (see *section 4*). After this deadline, the system is closed and applications can no longer be submitted.

Once the application is submitted, you will receive a **confirmation e-mail** (with date and time of your application). If you do not receive this confirmation e-mail, it means your application has NOT been submitted. If you believe this is due to a fault in the Submission System, you should immediately file a complaint via the [IT Helpdesk webform](#), explaining the circumstances and attaching a copy of the application (and, if possible, screenshots to show what happened).

Details on processes and procedures are described in the [Online Manual](#). The Online Manual also contains the links to FAQs and detailed instructions regarding the Portal Electronic Exchange System.

12. Help

Additional information can be found:

- [Online Manual](#)
- [EIC Prizes website](#)
- [Portal FAQ](#) (for general questions).

Please also consult the Topic page regularly, since we will use it to publish call updates.

Contact

For individual questions on the Portal Submission System, please contact the [IT Helpdesk](#).

Non-IT related questions should be sent to the following email address: EISMEA-INNOVAID@ec.europa.eu .

Please indicate clearly the reference of the call and topic to which your question relates (see *cover page*).

13. Important



IMPORTANT

- **Don't wait until the end** — Complete your application sufficiently in advance of the deadline to avoid any last minute **technical problems**. Problems due to last minute submissions (*e.g. congestion, etc.*) will be entirely at your risk. Call deadlines can NOT be extended.
- **Consult** the Portal Topic page regularly. We will use it to publish updates and additional information on the call (call updates).
- **Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Exchange System** — By submitting the application, all applicants **accept** to use the electronic exchange system in accordance with the [Portal Terms & Conditions](#).
- **Registration** — Before submitting the application, all applicants must be registered in the [Participant Register](#). The participant identification code (PIC) (one per applicant) is mandatory for the Application Form.
- **Joint applications** — Joint applications by a group of applicants are admitted. In this case, you must appoint a lead applicant (coordinator) to submit the application and represent you towards the awarding authority. All applicants will be jointly responsible and must all fulfil and respect the conditions set out in these Rules of Contest.
- **No double funding** — There is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget. Applications that have already received an EU prize cannot receive a second prize for the same activities.
- **Resubmission** — Applications may be changed and re-submitted until the deadline for submission. For first past the post prizes with cut-off dates, applications can be changed and re-submitted until the cut-off date; the re-submission may however let you use your position as first in place.
- **Rejection** — By submitting the application, all applicants accept the call conditions set out in these Rules of Contest (and the documents they refer to). Applications that do not comply with all the call conditions will be **rejected**. This applies also to applicants: All applicants need to fulfil the criteria; if any one of them doesn't, they must be replaced or the entire application will be rejected.
- **Cancellation** — The awarding authority may cancel the contest or decide not to award the prize — without any obligation to compensate participants (*e.g. no applications, jury cannot determine winner, winner is not eligible or must be excluded, objectives have already been achieved, etc*). In this case, you will be informed via a call update.
- **Language** — You can submit your application in any official EU language. However, for reasons of efficiency, we strongly advise you to use English. If you need the call documentation in another official EU language, please submit a request within 10 days after call publication (for the contact information, see *section 12*).

- **Transparency** — In accordance with Article 38 of the [EU Financial Regulation](#), information about EU prizes awarded and the winners (name, address and amount awarded) is published each year on the [Europa website](#).

The publication can exceptionally be waived (on reasoned and duly substantiated request), if there is a risk that the disclosure could jeopardise your rights and freedoms under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights or harm your commercial interests.

- **Data protection** — Any processing of personal data in the context of this prize will be done in accordance with Regulation [2018/1725](#). It will be processed solely for the purpose of evaluating your application (and subsequent management of your prize and, if needed, programme monitoring, evaluation and communication). Details are explained in the [Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement](#).

By submitting the application, all applicants accept that the awarding authority will publish information on the finalists and winners.