

Award Rules and Procedures

The 2017 Chaillot Prize for the Promotion of Human Rights in the GCC Region

The European Union Delegation in Riyadh (responsible for relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Qatar, State of Kuwait and Sultanate of Oman), presents an annual award - the Chaillot Prize - for actions, campaigns, projects and lifetime achievements which favour Human Rights promotion and awareness in the GCC region, in close cooperation with the European Union Delegation in Abu Dhabi (responsible for relations with the United Arab Emirates) and with the Embassies of the European Union Member States in the GCC region. The Prize is named after the Palais de Chaillot in Paris where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on the 10th of December 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly.

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1. The Prize is awarded for national and/or regional actions, campaigns, projects or lifetime achievements which promote the rights of vulnerable groups or general awareness of human rights in the GCC region.
2. Local civil society organisations, private or public institutions as well as individuals that have been active in the field of Human Rights (broadly understood) in a constructive engagement with the authorities, are eligible for the Prize. Civil society organisations, private or public institutions have to be located and legally registered in one of the GCC countries.
3. The Prize is awarded on an alternate basis, to institutions registered in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in one year, and to applicants registered in the Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Qatar, State of Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates, in any other year.
4. In 2016, the Prize was awarded to applicants from the Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Qatar, State of Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates for actions, campaigns or projects launched or in progress after the 1st of January 2016.
5. In 2017, the Prize will be awarded to applicants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for actions, campaigns or projects launched or in progress after the 1st of January 2017 as well as lifetime achievements.

6. Actions, campaigns or projects carried out by European Union institutions, on their behalf or funded by them, shall not be eligible. The same rule applies for European Union Member States institutions or agencies.
7. The European Union Delegation in Riyadh publishes the call for applications on its website, as well as in a major newspaper in the relevant GCC countries. The call for applications may also be sent directly to civil society organisations and private or public institutions.
8. Candidates may submit applications for a specific action, campaign, project or a lifetime achievement. The call is also open to candidates who have submitted applications at previous editions of the Prize, if they were not declared winners.
9. Applications may be submitted in two ways:
 - a. Candidates can directly apply by submitting the necessary documentation to the European Union Delegation in Riyadh.
 - b. Embassies of the European Union Member States in relevant GCC countries can propose candidates to the European Union Delegation in Riyadh.
10. All documents must be submitted in English. They shall consist of a cover letter, and of an application form which is available on the website of the European Union Delegation in Riyadh. The cover letter needs to introduce the civil society organisation, private or public institution applying for the Prize (maximum 300 words) and its scope of activities. The letter further needs to summarise the concrete action, campaign or project (maximum 300 words), including references to the goals of the action, campaign or project and its immediate impact and broader outcome.
11. The European Union Delegation in Riyadh sets the deadline for submissions at the moment of the publication of the call for applications.
12. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the written material provided (support materials, publications, newspaper articles, etc. are welcome).
13. The selection procedure takes place in three steps: Pre-Selection, Evaluation and Awarding Decision.
14. Pre-Selection: The European Union Delegation in Riyadh constitutes a Pre-Selection Panel consisting of the Head of Delegation and two members of the staff. The panel selects and ranks the three best candidates amongst all applicants according to criteria mentioned below. The European Union Delegation in Riyadh sends this list, together with the application documents of pre-selected candidates, to the Jury (Ambassadors of European Union Member States in the relevant GCC countries) and sets a deadline for replies.
15. The Pre-Selection panel assesses the applications according to the following criteria
 - a. Relevance for the GCC region / the country / the local environment: max. 20 points
 - b. Convergence with the European Union's policy objectives: max. 10 points
 - c. Impact or potential impact on society: max. 20 points
 - d. Originality in the promotion of human rights: max. 10 points
 - e. Applicant's experience in the area of activity: max. 10 points

16. Evaluation: The Jury assesses the pre-selected applications drawn up by the European Union Delegation in Riyadh. Each Jury member will be asked to list the three applications in the order of preference (first, second and third).
17. Awarding Decision: The European Union Delegation in Riyadh will declare the candidate who ranked first most times in the Jury's evaluation the Winner of the Chaillot Prize. In case of a draw, the Head of the European Union Delegation in Riyadh will determine the Winner.
18. The decisions of the Pre-Selection Panel, the Jury and the European Union Delegation in Riyadh (and the Head of Delegation, in case of a draw) shall be final.
19. The name of the Winner will be published in all relevant GCC countries. An awarding ceremony will be organised by the European Union Delegation in Riyadh. The Prize will consist of support by the European Union Delegation in Riyadh towards the organisation of an outreach activity linked to the action, campaign or projects for which the Prize was awarded (e.g. public event, study visit, media awareness activity).
20. The European Union shall have the right to reproduce and disseminate the information concerning the action, campaign or project that has been awarded. Acceptance of the Prize implies acceptance of publication of this information. In case of non-acceptance, the Prize will be allocated to the second finalist.

Scanned cover letters and duly completed and signed applications must be sent by e-mail, no later than 12 November, 2017, by candidates or Embassies of European Union Member States to the following address: Delegation-Saudi-Arabia@eeas.europa.eu.

The application form can be downloaded from
http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/gulf_countries

For questions and clarifications, applicants may call on + 966 11 4827057 or write to
Delegation-Saudi-Arabia@eeas.europa.eu.