

Press Release

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EuropeanConstitution.eu opens the application period of the 2021 Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration. The winning project earns a €1,500 grant.

France — **September 9, 2021** — Today, **EuropeanConstitution.eu** opens the application period of the 2021 Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration. Candidates have one month to submit their project in order to win a €1,500 grant.

First organised in 2018, the **Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration** honours Jean Monnet's dedication to Europe by rewarding projects contributing to European integration. Where other prizes reward public figures of high standing, the Jean Monnet Prize focuses on concrete activities that impact the day-to-day life of European citizens. The prize is a small-scale initiative and we are proud of this grassroots aspect.

In 2018, the Jean Monnet Prize was awarded to the <u>#FreeInterrail campaign</u>, which led to the DiscoverEU programme, increasing the mobility of tens of thousands of young Europeans. In 2019, it went to Zeit Online's <u>Europe Talks</u> project, bringing thousands of citizens together for debates ahead of the European elections. And in 2020, the Prize was awarded to <u>"Home is Where the Herz Is"</u>, a project of the Austrian periodical Metropole broadcasting Vienna's immigrant communities.

For the third year in a row, the Jean Monnet Prize is organised under the patronage of the European Parliament and with the support of pro-European partners, including the College of Europe, European Alternatives, and Democracy International.

The Jean Monnet Prize is an open competition and may reward any project contributing the strengthening of European integration and of the European spirit. This object is purposefully kept broad, in order to increase the diversity of competitors. In particular, young people, women and disenfranchised groups are encouraged to apply. Projects must be either implemented or already under implementation. The application process is free and no expenses are asked of participants at any point.

The application period for the 2021 edition of the Prize opens on Thursday 9 September and closes on Saturday 9 October, at 23:59 CET. Results will be announced on 9 November, anniversary of Jean Monnet's birth. All applications are to be made via an online form.

"A successful and ever-closer integration is the key to our shared European future, and citizens from all across the continent make tremendous contributions to this goal on a daily basis. We are proud to help shine a light on their efforts and achievements." explains Louis Drounau, Founder of EuropeanConstitution.eu.

"Make men work together. Show them that, beyond their differences and geographical boundaries, there lies a common interest." — Jean Monnet, father of Europe

<u>EuropeanConstitution.eu</u> is a French non-profit created in 2018 to promote European integration and citizen discussions on European institutions. It does this through the promotion of a <u>European constitution</u>, aimed at being a discussion tool on constitutional matters, and by awarding the <u>Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration</u> to projects contributing to integration in practice. This fourth edition of the Prize is organised under the patronage of the <u>European Parliament</u> and in partnership with numerous pro-European organisations.