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Identities, European Values and Cultural Heritage



The EU's European Economic and Social Committee

(EESC) has launched the **2018 edition of its Civil Society Prize**. This year's edition is entitled 'Identities, European Values and Cultural Heritage in Europe'. The 2018 prize will reward innovative initiatives carried out by civil society organisations and/or individuals on the territory of the EU and aimed at **raising awareness of the multiple layers and richness of European identities, exploiting the full potential of Europe's cultural wealth, facilitating access to European cultural heritage and promoting European values** (respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law). In the framework of the 2018 EESC Civil Society Prize, **cultural heriatge should be understood in its large sense**, including also industrial heritage, crafts, gastronomic heritage, the culture of work, etc. Eligible initiatives **shall have already been implemented or still be ongoing**. The **aim** of the Civil Society Prize, which is awarded annually, is to reward and encourage tangible initiatives and achievements by civil society organisations and/or individuals that have made a significant contribution to promoting European identity and integration. Its **overall objective** is to raise awareness of the contribution that civil society organisations and/or individuals can make to the creation of a European identity and citizenship in a way that underpins the common values that shore up European integration. The prize, which has a **total value of 50 000 €** and will be awarded on 13 December 2018, is **open to civil society organisations** officially registered within the European Union and acting at European, national, regional or local level. It is furthermore **open to individuals**. The deadline for submitting applications is **7 September 2018**. For **additional information** about the 2018 EESC Civil Society Prize and **access to the application form**, please visit <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/agenda/our-events/events/2018-eesc-civil-society-prize>

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