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OFFICIAL RULES ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE EUROPEAN CHARLEMAGNE YOUTH PRIZE

ARTICLE I - DESIGNATION

Each year, the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and the European Parliament will award "The European Charlemagne Youth Prize".

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE OF THE PRIZE

1. This prize is awarded to projects organised by young people between 16 and 30 and that have displayed exceptional achievements in the following areas:
 - a. promoting European and international understanding based on democratic values (such as, for example, respect for human dignity, freedom, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights);
 - b. promoting a shared sense of European identity and European integration;
 - c. encouraging other young people in Europe to become democratically engaged;
 - d. offering practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.
2. The projects could focus on the organisation of various youth events, such as, but not limited to, youth exchanges, simulation games, youth political festivals, exhibitions, trainings, online projects, or similar.

ARTICLE III - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicant shall be between the ages of 16 and 30 at the date of submission of the application.
2. Applicant shall be either national of an EU Member State or third-country national who resides legally on the territory of the Union at the date of submission of the application.
3. Applicant shall be:
 - a. an individual person, or
 - b. a group of individuals, or
 - c. an organisation.
4. In cases where applicant is either a group of individuals or an organisation, the application should be submitted in the name of the responsible person representing a group or an organisation. This responsible person shall satisfy the criteria of Article III.1 and III.2.
5. A project can be either national (i.e. carried out in one Member State and targeting participants from this one Member State) or international (i.e. carried out in more than one Member State and/or targeting participants from more than one Member State).
6. A project can only be submitted in one EU Member State - in case of international projects, the application must be submitted in the Member State that the project has the closest link to.

ARTICLE IV - EXCLUSION CRITERIA

1. The following projects are not eligible for the European Charlemagne Youth Prize:
 - a. projects in the planning stage and projects in the first stages of implementation for which no results could be identified yet at the moment of the start of the application procedure;
 - b. projects submitted by individuals working for a European institution or for the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen;
 - c. academic theses and publications;
 - d. projects that have already received a prize awarded by a European institution, body, office or agency;
 - e. the European winners of previous editions of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize;
 - f. activities that have as their primary objective profit-making;
 - g. activities by governmental organisations.

2. Individuals, groups of individuals, or organisations shall not be eligible for the Prize in case they had been found guilty of a criminal offence by a final judgement.

ARTICLE V - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

1. Projects may be submitted in any official EU language via a dedicated online form.
2. Details about the submission of applications will be provided in the call for applications, published on the website of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize.
3. The deadline for the submission of applications is in principle 1 February. The deadline for submitting applications may be modified by the European Parliament taking into account the European Parliament's calendar and possible special circumstances.

ARTICLE VI - AWARD CRITERIA

Projects will be evaluated according to the following principles:

- a. The degree of achievement of the objectives of the prize as presented in Article II. The juries will consider in this regards the number of young people who took part in the implementation of the project and the outreach attained.
- b. Particular consideration will be paid to projects with a transnational dimension, involving young people from more than one Member State from its inception to its implementation.
- c. The creativity and innovative nature of the project, offering original initiatives.

ARTICLE VII - SELECTION OF WINNERS

1. The national jury in each Member State chooses the one best project among the projects submitted in that Member State.
2. The European jury selects three European winners - the first, the second and the third European winner - from amongst the national winners.
3. The European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen

may decide to implement a public vote procedure to contribute to the selection of the European winners.

ARTICLE VIII - NATIONAL JURIES

1. National juries consisting of two Members of the European Parliament and a representative of a youth organisation select one national winner per Member State.
2. The jury reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with the requirements of the competition.
3. The Liaison Office in the respective Member State invites Members of the European Parliament to participate in the national juries on an annual basis.

ARTICLE IX - EUROPEAN JURY

1. The European jury, consisting of two Members of the European Parliament, the President of the European Parliament, three representatives of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and two representatives of the youth sector select the three European winners from the national winning projects chosen by national juries.
2. The decision of the European jury is final.

ARTICLE X - ENDOWMENT AND AWARD CEREMONY

1. The three winning European projects receive the following awards: first prize €7,500, second prize €5,000, and the third prize €2,500. The amount of the award will be paid via a bank transfer to the bank accounts provided by the winners.
2. One representative of each of the national winning projects will be invited to the Charlemagne Youth Prize award ceremony in Aachen.
3. The prizes for the European winners will be presented by the President of the European Parliament and representatives of the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen. As part of the prize, the European winners will be invited to visit the European Parliament (in Brussels or in Strasbourg).

ARTICLE XI - COPYRIGHT

The European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen reserve the right to reproduce the contributed material for presentation, media and promotional purposes.

ARTICLE XII - RESPONSIBILITY

The organisers cannot be held responsible for the cancellation, postponement or modification of the competition and/or the award ceremony.

ARTICLE XIII - ACCEPTANCE OF REGULATIONS

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these rules.