

CEI Award for Outstanding Merits in Investigative Journalism

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2011

BACKGROUND

The Central European Initiative – CEI (www.ceinet.org) was founded in 1989 as the first forum promoting regional cooperation among the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Since its establishment, the CEI activities have focussed on fostering political and socio-economic development in the region aimed at avoiding new dividing lines in Europe. Its core mission is: Regional Cooperation for European Integration.

Cooperation in the field of media stands among CEI priorities. Initiatives are promoted to encourage experience sharing and awareness raising with the aim to endorse media pluralism, transparency and independence.

The fruitful cooperation with the South East Europe Media Organisation – SEEMO (www.seemo.org) has led to the creation of the *Award for Outstanding Merits in Journalism* which, since its first edition in 2008, was meant to honour journalists who highly contribute to investigative reporting despite the difficult conditions under which they often have to operate.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

The Award is open to nationals of all 18 CEI Member States (Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine) who have acquired in the last three years special merits in investigative journalism and who are still active in journalism. The competing journalists should be nominated by individuals/organisations/media companies. Self-nominations are not allowed. All media are accepted: print, broadcast, news agency or Internet.

AWARD

The winning candidate will receive a cash prize of **5.000 EUR**, offered by the CEI Secretariat, which will be officially presented on the occasion of the South East Europe Media Forum, to be held in Belgrade in November 2011.

COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

The International Jury is made up of distinguished journalists and media experts coming from the CEI region.

Amb. Gerhard Pfanzelter, CEI Secretary General, Mr. Oliver Vujovic, SEEMO Secretary General, and Ms. Barbara Fabro, CEI Senior Executive Officer, will act as advisers.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

Applications should include the following documentation:

1. Filled in Application Form (on www.seemo.org)
2. Curriculum Vitae of the candidate
3. Summary of the presentations of the candidate's merits; details of the media which published / broadcasted the reports
4. Relevant supporting material about the candidate (TV reports on DVD, audio reports on CD, copies of articles in print media). Reports in local languages should be accompanied by a brief English translation. Please note that supporting material cannot be returned, therefore you are kindly invited to send copies of the original materials.

CLOSING DATE

Applications should be submitted by regular mail or e-mail within **1 September 2011** to:

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