

2021 Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration  
Press Kit



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**JEAN MONNET PRIZE**  
*for*  
**EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

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## About the Jean Monnet Prize

### *Presentation*

[EuropeanConstitution.eu](https://EuropeanConstitution.eu) set up the [Jean Monnet Prize for European Integration](#) to honour Jean Monnet's life and dedication to European integration by [rewarding projects that support this ideal in a concrete and apolitical manner for European citizens](#). The winning project receives a [€1,500 grant](#).

Where other prizes may reward public figures of high standing, the Jean Monnet Prize focuses on citizens' personal engagement for Europe and activities that impact the day-to-day life of Europeans. Our prize is a small-scale initiative and we are proud of this grassroots aspect.

### *Target audience*

The Jean Monnet Prize is an [open competition](#). It can 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.

Projects need to be either implemented or under implementation; the Jean Monnet Prize does not reward projects that have yet to be implemented or that seek funding in order to start their implementation. This is to meant to improve the assessment of the project's concrete impact for citizens.

There are [no criteria imposed on the applicants](#) and we encourage all to apply, in particular young people, women and disenfranchised groups. The application process is entirely [free](#) and no expenses are asked of participants at any point.

### *2018 edition of the Prize*

The first edition of the Prize was organised in 2018 under the patronage of the [European Commission](#), through its Representation in France. In total, 45 projects were submitted.

The Prize was awarded to the [#FreeInterrail](#) campaign for their promotion of youth mobility in Europe. This campaign also received wide support from citizens, the European Parliament and European Commission, and led to the EU's [DiscoverEU](#) programme which has provided Interrail tickets to tens of thousands of Europeans turning 18.

In addition, two runners-up were recognised. The first, [Political Critique](#), is a media cooperation between European Alternatives and Krytyka Polityczna aimed at increasing the visibility of news stories from Central and Eastern Europe. The second, [UE Lib'](#), is a local NGO in Paris promoting the diffusion of European literature for its neighbourhood's readers.

### *2019 edition of the Prize*

The 2019 edition was organised under the patronage of the [European Commission](#) and of the [European Parliament](#), but also in partnership with a number of pro-European partners, including the [College of Europe](#), the [Good Lobby](#), the [European Democracy Lab](#), [European Alternatives](#), the [European University Association](#), the [European Students' Union](#), the [Federation for Education in Europe](#), and the [Maison de l'Europe](#) in Paris. In total, 75 projects were submitted — a 67% increase from the previous year.

The Prize was awarded to the [Zeit Online's Europe Talks](#) project, which brought thousands of citizens together for debates ahead of the 2019 European elections. The first runner-up was the University of Tirana's multiyear project entitled "[The Albanian society towards full integration into the European family](#)", highlighting both the need for greater understanding of the EU's political, institutional, economic and legal set-up, and the role of universities in accompanying and preparing for large-scale society changes. The second runner-up was [Toi d'Europe](#), a documentary project led by two French students criss-crossing Europe to interview young Europeans and understand their expectations for the future of our Union.

### *2020 edition of the Prize*

The 2020 edition was organised under the patronage of the [European Parliament](#) and in partnership with a number of pro-European partners, including the [College of Europe](#), the [Good Lobby](#), [Pulse of Europe](#), the [European Democracy Lab](#), [European Alternatives](#), the [European University Association](#), the [European Students' Union](#), the [Federation for Education in Europe](#), and the [Alliance4Europe](#). In total, 66 projects were submitted.

The Prize was awarded to the [Home is Where the Herz Is](#) project, which gives a voice to the ten largest communities that have made the city of Vienna their home. The project consists in ten special editions of the Metropole magazine featuring content from young Viennese journalists with roots in the communities.

The first runner-up was the [Voters Without Borders](#) campaign, a European Citizens' Initiative aimed at providing citizens residing outside of their Member State of citizenship with full electoral rights. The second runner-up was [Mia Europa](#), a youth-oriented magazine helping the next generation of Europeans discover and understand Europe — a Europe they are already a part of and yet hear very little about.

### *2021 edition of the Prize*

The 2021 edition is organised under the patronage of the [European Parliament](#) and in partnership with pro-European partners. The call for applications will be open from 9 September to 9 October, and the results unveiled on 9 November — anniversary of Jean Monnet's birth.

All applications must be made online at:

<https://europeanconstitution.eu/JMP2021-application> (link not yet active)

No paper or email applications will be considered.

Given the promising mobilisation for the Conference on the Future of Europe, we are convinced that 2021 will be a tremendous year for citizens' engagement.

## **Communication and social media information**

Hashtags: [#JeanMonnetPrize](#) et [#JPM2021](#)

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## About us

### *The association*

[EuropeanConstitution.eu](https://EuropeanConstitution.eu) was established in 2018 as a non-profit association dedicated to promoting the adoption of a European constitution, European federalism as the means for democracy, and European integration in general.

The first two pillars of our work are carried out by our continued work on our [European constitution](#) and other legal initiatives relating to the strengthening of a true European democracy. The Jean Monnet Prize is the main activity of the third pillar.

Our work is [applied research on institutional and constitutional affairs](#), meaning that our research focuses on providing concrete deliverables that citizens and decision-makers can use, discuss and draw inspiration from. For instance, working on European constitutional affairs, we created a short, clear and usable draft constitution for the EU. Through this, we aim not only at paving the way to solutions but also at showing what these solutions might look like.

From our work on the European constitution, we have retained one core lesson that we strive to implement in all our activities: [make Europe understandable and tangible for citizens](#). Institutions can be complex, but they can also be explained in simple terms. This is therefore our mission: [help people understand Europe and give them the tools to discuss it](#).

As it stands, [EuropeanConstitution.eu](https://EuropeanConstitution.eu) rests only on the work of its volunteers and has no paid staff. We also do not receive funds from administrations or companies, and all our funding comes from small-scale, private donations of individuals.

### *The team*

[EuropeanConstitution.eu](https://EuropeanConstitution.eu) was set up by a small team of Europhiles dedicated to the idea that Europe had to be made more democratic and promoted to citizens in clear and simple terms. Our work rests only on our volunteers and our team remains small and informal. At this stage, our funding comes exclusively from small individual donations.

[Louis Drounau](#) led the foundation of the association and has been its President since 2018. Louis has spent several years working for the United Nations, including for UN-Habitat in Nairobi, for a peacekeeping mission in Côte d'Ivoire, and for the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs in New York. He also worked for the European Commission on political affairs in relation to West Africa, and with MONEYVAL, the Council of Europe's body in charge of anti-money laundering activities. Over the past years, Louis has been working increasingly on institutional

affairs, in particular in the context of federal systems and of the European Union, and, following the 2019 European elections, launched [European Democracy Consulting](#). He is also a founding member of the French collective [Mieux voter](#) which promotes Majority Judgment as a method of voting.