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## **GENERAL RULES FOR THE ROBERT-SCHUMAN PRIZES 2020**

Translation into English

Only the French version of the regulations is authentic.

### **Article 1 - Presentation**

The Robert Schuman Prizes will be awarded in the spring of 2020 to the author of an original text that proposes and motivates a stage of progress for the European Union from 2020 onwards in line with the Robert Schuman Declaration of 9th May 1950.

### **Article 2 - Prizes**

The first prize consists of a sum of 15,000 euros.

The jury may award further prizes at the initiative and expense of other public or private institutions.

### **Article 3 - Terms and conditions for participation**

The prizes are open to authors of all nationalities, but the texts must be written in one of the languages of Robert Schuman, either French, German, Luxembourgish or English. Contributions may be submitted by a natural or legal person, by an institution or by a group of persons or institutions. Persons involved in the organisation, reading and selection of the entries may not compete for the Robert Schuman Prizes.

Applicants are requested to give their date of birth, nationality, profession or status, telephone number and exact postal address.

It must be an unpublished work or an original work in progress. Submission of an entry for these prizes shall preclude participation in a similar competition until the results of the Robert Schuman Prizes are announced.

The call for contributions will be published in January 2020.

The texts should be sent in .pdf format by e-mail to the following address by **15 March 2020 at the latest**

[centre-robert-schuman@centre-robert-schuman.org](mailto:centre-robert-schuman@centre-robert-schuman.org)

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent as soon as the text is included in the list of texts to be examined by the Reading Committee. The texts are submitted anonymously to both the reading committee and the jury.

The proposed texts must in no case be longer than the text of the declaration of 9 May, i.e. two and a half pages (approximately 900 words or 6,000 characters (including spaces)).

Participation in the Schuman Prizes implies full and complete acceptance of these rules, on the one hand, and the possible publication of the entry submitted without compensation, on the other. Any legal or natural person taking part in the Schuman Prizes waives any appeal against the conditions under which they are organised and carried out and any appeal against the decisions, including the results, of the Reading Committee or the jury.

Only authors whose work has been awarded a prize will be informed of the jury's choice. After the award ceremony, the CERS will publish the list of all winners, which will be communicated to all participants.

Texts are not returned.

#### **Article 4 - Selection of texts**

The members of the organising committee of the prize are appointed by the President of the Robert Schuman European Centre (CERS).

The Organising Committee of the Schuman Prizes appoints the members of the Civic Reading Committee which selects the 100 most relevant texts to be submitted to the jury for consideration.

The organisers reserve the right not to award any prize without the Robert Schuman European Centre being liable in any way whatsoever.

#### **Article 5 - Selection of prize-winners**

The members of the sovereign jury shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Management Board of the Robert Schuman European Centre on a proposal from the organising committee of the prizes.

The duties of the members of the jury are voluntary and they do not receive any remuneration or compensation in any form.

The jury deliberates validly regardless of the number of members present. Voting is by absolute majority (half of the votes plus one vote for an even number), with blank and invalid ballot papers being counted towards the number of voters. The absentees shall cast their votes by name; proxy voting is not permitted. If one of the texts does not obtain this absolute majority, other rounds will be organised under the same conditions. For the first prize there is no selection of equal rank.

**Article 6 - Selection of prize-winners**

At the proposal of the jury, the results will be announced by the Heads of State and Government present at the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Robert Schuman Declaration in May 2020 at the Robert Schuman House in Scy-Chazelles.

The winners will be informed of the results by telephone or e-mail in the week before the awards ceremony. In order to ensure the promotion of this prize, the winners undertake to receive their prize at the award ceremony.

**Article 7 - Publication of texts**

The 100 most interesting texts will be published on the initiative of the Moselle Eurodépartement and the CERS; the publication will be sent to all European Union institutions.

**Article 8 - Contact person**

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to the following address:

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with your contact information.

**Article 9 - Legal information and protection of personal data**

The Robert Schuman European Centre (CERS) is committed to respecting your rights within the COPD. Candidates have the right to access, modify, rectify and delete data concerning them. To exercise this right of access, please contact the CERS at the following address

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