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Bringing the EU closer to young citizens – Commission launches EU prize

The European Commission has launched, for the second consecutive year, an EU-wide contest for the "Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach".

This Prize is awarded to outstanding works that enhance the citizens' understanding of the EU and help broaden the ownership of the European project.

The 2018 edition of the Prize focuses on **young people**.

It will be awarded to works that include innovative educational programmes or campaigns, pedagogic games allowing young people to experience Europe, and collaborative projects promoting the participation of young people in the democratic process.

European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport, Tibor **Navracsics**, said: *"We need to bring the EU closer to young citizens in ways that inspire. I am pleased that the 'Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach' rewards quality works that enhance young people's understanding of the EU and promote their engagement in the democratic processes that shape its future. Giving visibility and European level recognition to such initiatives will help us reach this goal."*

The 2018 edition of the Prize will award up to five prizes of 25 000 EUR each.

The 2018 contest is open to individuals who are EU citizens and to non-governmental legal entities established and based in an EU Member State.

The deadline for applications is **07 January 2019 at 17:00 CET**.

These are the [Rules of Contest for 2018](#).

Applications must be submitted **online** via this [Application Form](#).

Applications will be assessed by a jury of external independent evaluators appointed by the European Commission.

The award ceremony will be part of the 2019 European Youth Week which will take place from 29 April to 5 May 2019 and will address the topic of young people and democracy.

The prize is a European Parliament initiative implemented by the European Commission. It was awarded for the first time in 2017. After 2018, this activity is expected to continue for another 3 years with a budget of 800 000 € per year.

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