

EESC Civil Society Prize 2018 **applications closing soon**

Last chance to compete for the EESC Civil Society Prize 2018 on identities, European values and cultural heritage in Europe! Applications closing soon

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is inviting organisations and individuals who work for a better Europe to put themselves forward for the Civil Society Prize, which this year is promoting initiatives to do with European values, identities and cultural heritage. The deadline is **7 September 2018**.

The Committee, which represents organised civil society at the EU level, launched the prize totalling EUR 50 000 in June. The prize will be awarded to a maximum of five winners and it will reward innovative initiatives which have made a significant contribution to taking on the challenges of:

- **raising awareness of the multiple layers and richness of European identities;**
- **exploiting the full potential of Europe's cultural wealth;**
- **facilitating access to European cultural heritage; and**
- **promoting European values such as respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law.**

The full list of requirements and the online application form are available on our webpage – [EESC Civil Society Prize 2018](#).

The EESC Civil Society Prize is open to all civil society organisations officially registered within the European Union and acting at local, national, regional or European level. It is also open to individuals.

The award ceremony will take place on 13 December 2018 in Brussels.

The Civil Society Prize, now in its tenth edition, was launched by the EESC to reward and encourage tangible initiatives and achievements by civil society organisations and/or individuals that have made a significant contribution to promoting the common values that bolster European cohesion and integration.

We kindly invite you to encourage civil society organisations in your country to apply for the EESC Civil Society Prize 2018 and thus help valuable projects win recognition.