**FAQ**

**I am an individual who has implemented several projects concerning the integration of migrants into the labour market. Can I apply?**

Yes, since 2014 both civil society organisations and individuals are eligible. To be eligible, individuals must be either EU citizens or citizens of a third country who are legally resident in the territory of the EU.

**I am a Turkish national who has carried out an initiative aimed at integrating Turkish women into the labour market in Berlin. Can I apply?**

Third-country nationals are also eligible, provided they are legally resident in the territory of the EU. If you have resident status in Germany, you can apply.

**We are a local administration which** **provides individualised advice and guidance services for unemployed people. Can we apply?**

No, unfortunately you cannot. The prize is open only to civil society organisations and individuals.

**We are a commercial company which implements innovative forms of work integration for disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Can we apply?**

No, unfortunately you cannot. The prize is open only to civil society organisations and individuals. For the definition of civil society organisations, please refer to the contest rules.

**We are a university. Can we apply?**

No, unfortunately you cannot. The prize is open only to civil society organisations and individuals. For the definition of civil society organisations, please refer to the contest rules.

**We are an NGO legally registered in Morocco. We carry out several projects which provide tailor-made, individualised learning and training to upskill / reskill vulnerable people and enhance their employability on the European market. Can we apply?**

No, unfortunately you cannot. Only civil society organisations officially registered within the European Union can apply.

**In which language shall I submit the application?**

You can apply in any EU official language. However, to speed up the evaluation process, we would appreciate to receive the application form in English or French. The declaration on honour can be filled in in any EU official language.

**Is the application form available only in English and French?**

We can make the application form available in any other EU official language upon request.

**Our organisation implemented several projects dealing with the inclusion of newcomers and disadvantaged people on the labour market. Can we apply for all of them?**

No, you should choose only one project or initiative.

**Will you inform candidates about every step of the evaluation?**

Candidates will receive a standard confirmation by e-mail that their application has been received. They will not receive any feedback after the various evaluation steps. Results will be notified to all candidates after the final evaluation, indicatively at the end of November 2017.

**How can I apply?**

You should first check the contest rules, and in particular the eligibility criteria, to make sure you can apply.

Then you should fill in and sign the application form and the declaration on honour. You should send them by e-mail to civilsocietyprize@eesc.europa.eu by 8 September 2017, 23:59 CET. We would be grateful if you could attach also a Word version of the application form. This will facilitate translation into other languages needed for the evaluation process.

**Shall my organisation be nominated by an EESC member, a national economic and social council or a Pan-European organisation/network?**

No, this procedure applied to previous editions of the EESC civil society prize. Now each candidate (organisation or individual) shall apply directly.

**May I attach supporting documents?**

No, at this stage you should send only the application form and the declaration on honour.

**In the contest rules you mention also the Legal Entity Form and the Financial Identification Form. Shall I fill them in and attach them to my application?**

No, we do not need these forms at this stage of the procedure. Please send these documents only if/when the EESC asks you to do so.

**How much does it cost to participate in this competition?**

Entering the competition is free of charge.

**Before sending my application, I called the EESC and asked to clarify one point. Will the EESC reimburse the cost of this international telephone call?**

No, in accordance with the contest rules, the EESC will not reimburse any costs incurred in entering the competition.