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COMPETITION FOR THE ADRIATIC JOURNALIST AWARD “A daily life portrait of Adriatic intercultural societies”

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Within the framework of the SIMPLE European project, financed by the IPA Adriatic 2007-2013 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme, the Italian Union of Koper-Capodistria (Slovenia) is hereby launching the journalistic competition “*A daily life portrait of Adriatic intercultural societies*”, with the collaboration of the project Partners in the participating countries (Albania, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Slovenia). The awarding ceremony will occur on the occasion of Adriatic Intercultural Day, scheduled for the end of January 2014 in Croatia (in the Istria Region - location still to be determined).

Article 2

The purpose of the award is to affirm and appreciate the work performed by journalists and other media operators who are committed to promote national, ethnic, linguistic or cultural minorities existing in the Adriatic Countries and who therefore support the development of an open and multicultural society based on the values of a peaceful co-existence of diversities, cohabitation, mutual respect and intercultural dialogue.

Therefore, the works shall develop the theme “*A daily life portrait of Adriatic Intercultural Society*” trying to show: (i) positive examples of integration, coexistence and cooperation between the majority groups and (historical or new) minorities in the relevant contest; (ii) supportive actions towards minority people to strengthen the recognition and effectiveness of rights and equal opportunities; (iii) examples on how minorities might improve the life conditions (social, economic, etc.) of the community. The above list is merely indicative and not comprehensive of all the potential ideas that might be submitted by candidates.

Article 3

The award shall be divided in 5 national sections (Albania – Croatia – Italy – Montenegro – Slovenia). For each national section the award shall be conferred to the best report, commentary, photographic reportage, article or other type of journalistic contributions both created to participate in this competition (unpublished) or published in a newspaper, broadcast on the radio, television or in new media, either public or private, concerning the topics of the Article 2 above developed in one (or more) of the relevant countries (to be declared in the application form).





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The award can also be conferred as a *career acknowledgement* based on previously submitted complete and supporting documentation on the work performed by the candidate in the sphere of the above-stated topics over the last ten (10) years. The judging committee shall also be entitled to confer the award to working groups (editorial office) for their joint professional activity aimed at supporting the development and promotion of national, ethnic, linguistic, religious or cultural minorities existing in Italy.

COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Article 4

All those active in the sphere of journalism and resident in the Adriatic countries can take part in this journalistic competition.

Online and print journalists (both students and working journalists), working groups (editorial offices), professional photographers, radio and TV presenters and operators and writers are eligible to submit proposals.

Proposals can also be submitted by individual candidates or organizations who want to refer a relevant piece of journalism, but they need to have obtained the written consent of the author of the product, as specified in the Article 8.

Article 5

The competitors may be adults of any nationality, residing or non-residing in the Adriatic countries. The condition *sine qua non* is that the articles or other mass-media material produced are referred to one (or more) of the contest's eligible Countries (Albania, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Slovenia). Anyway, the candidates shall indicate in the application form the award national section.

Article 6

The language of the work entered in the competition shall be English. Whether the text or information materials are in national language (Albania, Croatian, Italian, Montenegrin, Slovenian), the candidates must provide a complete translation of the material(s) in English language. As regards video materials, the competitor must submit the translation of all possible dialogues and interviews in English language. Other photos or video materials requires an explanatory note in English.

Article 7

The 5 journalist awards shall consist of the participation of the winners in the special session of the “*Adriatic Intercultural Day*” dedicated to the presentation of the 5 national awarded works. After the award ceremony the prized works will be widely promoted in the Adriatic area and through the SIMPLE Project communication channels. The *Adriatic*





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Intercultural Day will be held at the end of January 2014 in the Istria Region (Croatia); the travel and subsistence costs for the 5 winners (or, depending on the available budget, a maximum of two working team representatives) will be covered by the contest's organization. The winners will receive also the awarding plaque stating the name of the winner and containing the inscription "A daily life portrait of Adriatic intercultural societies", together with the logos of the Adriatic IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme.

Article 8

The works competing for the award as defined under Article 3 hereof, and the proposals for the *career acknowledgement* award supported by all the required documentation shall respectively be submitted in 2 (two) copies (i.e. two copies of journalistic article(s), report(s), footage, broadcast(s), DVD...) and shall be sent to the address of **Unione Italiana Capodistria, Via Župančič 39 (c.p. 678), 6000 Koper-Capodistria, by and no later than 30th November 2013** (as confirmed by the postmark). All submitted works shall be accompanied by a cover letter containing the following information: author's name and surname, title of the work, job position, type of work (i.e. article, broadcast, reportage, etc.), the year of the work's production, and the award national section (in attachment).

In cases where the work will not be submitted by the author personally but by third persons, the submitted material shall be accompanied by a cover letter stating the name and surname of the journalist, the work's title, the year of its production, and the award national section; in case of awarding, the person that has submitted the work shall be required to provide the work's author's agreement to be awarded and . Failure to comply with the rules of the present competition will lead to the automatic exclusion of the candidate.

Article 9

Authors competing with audio-video contributions shall submit their material recorded on appropriate multimedia support, namely in one of the following formats: .asf/.avi/.mov/mp4/.rm/.vob.

Article 10

Authors competing with visible contributions (photographic reportage) shall submit a sequence of a minimum of 12 or a maximum of 40 photographs. The material can also be submitted in digital form, saved in a standard format (.jpg/.pdf).

Article 11

The criteria for the awarding of the prizes will be drawn up by Judging Committee. The Committee will take into account the following criteria: relevance of the work and coherence with the contest topics, communication effectiveness towards the issues looked at, creativity of the idea, technical quality of the work and other.





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Article 12

The 5 national awards are unique and indivisible and cannot be conferred *ex aequo*. The Italian Union of Capodistria will communicate by email to all participants the results of the selection. The name of winners will be published on the project website and diffused through other suitable channels.

Article 13

The winners of the award will be contacted directly by Unione Italiana with its seat in Koper-Capodistria by 31st December 2013.

JUDGING COMMITTEE

Article 14

The committee in charge of judging the works' merits shall be made up of five (5) members, of which three (3) shall be experts in the field of journalism, one (1) will be representing the Italian Union of Koper-Capodistria and one (1) shall be representing one of the recognized minorities residing in the Municipality of Koper-Capodistria.

Article 15

The valuation system of the work and of the eventual requests to integrate the documentation of the competitors shall fall within the autonomous competence of the judging committee. The judging committee shall be obliged to keep minutes of the working session in which the winning work will be identified, by stating the grounds which led to the conferring of the award "*A daily life portrait of Adriatic intercultural societies*".

Article 16

The decision of the judging committee is final and is not open to appeal.

Article 17

Any question about the journalistic contest shall be submitted to the Italian Union of Koper-Capodistria via email: unione.it.cap@siol.net.

