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***European Economic and Social Committee***

**EESC civil society prize**

**Declaration on honour on exclusion criteria and eligibility criteria**

The undersigned [*insert name of the signatory of this form*], representing:

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| (*only for natural persons*) himself or herself | (*only for legal persons*) the following legal person: |
| ID or passport number:  (‘the person’) | Full official name:  Official legal form:  Statutory registration number:  Full official address:  VAT registration number if any:  (‘the person’) |

I – Situation of exclusion concerning the person

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| 1. declares that the above-mentioned person is in one of the following situations: | YES | NO |
| 1. it is bankrupt, subject to insolvency or winding up procedures, its assets are being administered by a liquidator or by a court, it is in an arrangement with creditors, its business activities are suspended or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for under national legislation or regulations; |  |  |
| 1. it has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the person is in breach of its obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions in accordance with the law of the country in which it is established, with those of the country in which the authority awarding the prize is located or those of the country of the performance of the activities/initiatives for which the prize is awarded; |  |  |
| 1. it has been established by a final judgement or a final administrative decision that the person is guilty of grave professional misconduct by having violated applicable laws or regulations or ethical standards of the profession to which the person belongs, or by having engaged in any wrongful conduct which has an impact on its professional credibity where such conduct denotes wrongful intent or gross negligence, including, in particular, any of the following: |  | |
| (i) fraudulently or negligently misrepresenting information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria or concerning the activities/initiatives for which the prize is awarded; |  |  |
| (ii) entering into agreement with other persons with the aim of distorting competition among contestants; |  |  |
| (iii) violating intellectual property rights; |  |  |
| (iv) attempting to influence the decision-making process of the authority awarding the prize during the prize award procedure; |  |  |
| (v) attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon it undue advantages in the prize award procedure***;*** |  |  |
| 1. it has been established by a final judgement that the person is guilty of the following: |  | |
| (i) fraud, within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995; |  |  |
| (ii) corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of EU Member States, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997, and in Article 2(1) of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA, as well as corruption as defined in the legal provisions of the country where the authority awarding the prize is located, the country in which the person is established or the country of the performance of the activities/initiatives for which the prize is awarded; |  |  |
| (iii) participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA; |  |  |
| (iv) money laundering or terrorist financing, as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council; |  |  |
| (v) terrorist-related offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, as defined in Articles 1 and 3 of Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA, respectively, or inciting, aiding, abetting or attempting to commit such offences, as referred to in Article 4 of that Decision; |  |  |
| (vi) child labour or other forms of trafficking in human beings as defined in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council; |  |  |
| 1. the person has shown significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligations in the performance of a contract financed by the Union’s budget, which has led to its early termination or to the application of liquidated damages or other contractual penalties, or which has been discovered following checks, audits or investigations by an Authorising Officer, OLAF or the Court of Auditors; |  |  |
| 1. it has been established by a final judgment or final administrative decision that the person has committed an irregularity within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95; |  |  |
| 1. for the situations of grave professional misconduct, fraud, corruption, other criminal offences, significant deficiencies in the performance of the contract or irregularity, the applicant is subject to: 2. facts established in the context of audits or investigations carried out by the Court of Auditors, OLAF or internal audit, or any other check, audit or control performed under the responsibility of an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body; 3. non-final administrative decisions which may include disciplinary measures taken by the competent supervisory body responsible for the verification of the application of standards of professional ethics; 4. decisions of the ECB, the EIB, the European Investment Fund or international organisations; 5. decisions of the Commission relating to the infringement of the Union's competition rules or of a national competent authority relating to the infringement of Union or national competition law; or 6. decisions of exclusion by an authorising officer of an EU institution, of a European office or of an EU agency or body. |  |  |

II – Situations of exclusion concerning natural persons with power of representation, decision-making or control over the legal person

***Not applicable to natural persons. If the candidate is an individual, please delete this part.***

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| 1. declares that a natural person who is a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of the above-mentioned legal person, or who has powers of representation, decision or control with regard to the above-mentioned legal person (this covers directors of the civil society organisation, members of management or supervisory bodies, and cases where one natural person holds a majority of shares) is in one of the following situations: | YES | NO | N/A |
| Situation (c) above (grave professional misconduct) |  |  |  |
| Situation (d) above (fraud, corruption or other criminal offence) |  |  |  |
| Situation (e) above (significant deficiencies in performance of a contract ) |  |  |  |
| Situation (f) above (irregularity) |  |  |  |

III – Situations of exclusion concerning natural or legal persons assuming unlimited liability for the debts of the legal person

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| 1. declares that a natural or legal person that assumes unlimited liability for the debts of the above-mentioned legal person is in one of the following situations: | YES | NO | N/A |
| Situation (a) above (bankruptcy) |  |  |  |
| Situation (b) above (breach in payment of taxes or social security contributions) |  |  |  |

IV – Grounds for rejection from this contest procedure

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| 1. declares that the above-mentioned person: | YES | NO |
| 1. has distorted competition among contestants by being previously involved in the preparation of the rules for this contest procedure. |  |  |

V – Remedial measures

If the person declares one of the situations of exclusion listed above, it must indicate measures it has taken to remedy the exclusion situation, thus demonstrating its reliability. This may include e.g. technical, organisational and personnel measures to prevent further occurrence, compensation of damage or payment of fines. The relevant documentary evidence which illustrates the remedial measures taken must be provided in annex to this declaration. This does not apply for situations referred in point (d) of this declaration.

VI – Evidence upon request

Upon request and within the time limit set by the authority awarding the prize, the person must provide information on the persons that are members of the administrative, management or supervisory body. It must also provide the following evidence concerning the person itself and concerning the natural or legal persons which assume unlimited liability for the debt of the person:

For situations described in (a), (c), (d) or (f), production of a recent extract from the judicial record is required or, failing that, an equivalent document recently issued by a judicial or administrative authority in the country of establishment of the person showing that those requirements are satisfied.

For the situation described in point (a) or (b), production of recent certificates issued by the competent authorities of the State concerned are required. These documents must provide evidence covering all taxes and social security contributions for which the person is liable, including for example, VAT, income tax (natural persons only), company tax (legal persons only) and social security contributions. Where any document described above is not issued in the country concerned, it may be replaced by a sworn statement made before a judicial authority or notary or, failing that, a solemn statement made before an administrative authority or a qualified professional body in its country of establishment.

The person is not required to submit the evidence if it has already been submitted for a procurement procedure. The documents must have been issued no more than one year before the date of their request by the authority awarding the prize and must still be valid at that date.

The signatory declares that the person has already provided the documentary evidence for a procurement procedure and confirms that there has been no change in its situation:

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| **Document** | **Full reference to the procurement procedure** |
| *Insert as many lines as necessary.* |  |

VII – Eligibility criteria

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| 1. declares that the above-mentioned person complies with the eligibility criteria applicable to it individually as provided in the contest rules: | YES | NO | N/A |
| 1. It fulfills the applicable eligibility criteria for candidates indicated in point 3.1 of the contest rules; |  |  |  |

VII – Evidence for the eligibility of candidates

The signatory declares that the above-mentioned person is able to provide the necessary supporting documents listed in the relevant chapters the contest rules and which are not available electronically upon request and without delay.

The person is not required to submit the evidence if it has already been submitted for a procurement procedure. The documents must have been issued no more than one year before the date of their request by the authority awarding the prize and must still be valid at that date.

The signatory declares that the person has already provided the documentary evidence for a procurement procedure and confirms that there has been no change in its situation:

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| **Document** | **Full reference to the procurement procedure** |
| *Insert as many lines as necessary.* |  |

***The above-mentioned person may be subject to rejection from this contest procedure and to administrative sanctions (exclusion or financial penalty) if any of the declarations or information provided as a condition for participating in this contest procedure prove to be false.***

Full name Date Signature