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The 2026 Chaillot Prize
for the Promotion of Human Rights in the GCC Region

The European Union Delegations in Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait City and Doha present an annual award - the Chaillot Prize - for actions, campaigns, projects and lifetime achievements which favour Human Rights promotion and awareness in the GCC region, in close cooperation with the Embassies of the European Union Member States in the GCC region. The Prize is named after the *Palais de Chaillot* in Paris where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the 10th of December 1948.

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1. The Prize is awarded for national and/or regional actions, campaigns, projects or lifetime achievements, which promote the rights of vulnerable persons or general awareness of human rights in the GCC region.

2. Local civil society organisations, private or public institutions as well as individuals who have been active in the field of Human Rights, are eligible for the Prize. Civil society organisations, private or public institutions have to be located and legally registered in one of the GCC countries. Applications submitted on behalf of a third person must include proof that the candidate gave his/her consent beforehand.

3. The Prize will be awarded to applicants from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates for ongoing actions, campaigns or projects, as well as for lifetime achievements.

4. The European Union Delegations in the region publish the call for applications on their websites, as well as in major media platforms in the relevant GCC countries. The call for applications may also be sent directly to civil society organisations and private or public institutions.

5. Candidates may submit applications for a specific action, campaign, project or a lifetime achievement. The call is also open to candidates who have submitted applications at previous editions of the Prize, had they not received an award.

6. Embassies of the European Union Member States in the GCC countries can encourage candidates to submit their applications through outreach activities and information sessions.

7. Applications are to be submitted to the European Union Delegation in Riyadh. Should there be any difficulty to transmitting directly to Riyadh, applications can be submitted via EUDEL in Abu Dhabi, Kuwait City, Doha, or local EU Presidencies in the GCC that will ensure forward transmission to EU Delegation in Riyadh.

8. All documents must be submitted in English or in Arabic. They shall consist of a cover letter, and of an application form, which is available on the websites of the European Union Delegations in the region. The cover letter needs to introduce the civil society organisation, private or public institution applying for the Prize (maximum 300 words) and its scope of activities. The letter further needs to provide a text of maximum 300 words with a summary of the concrete action, campaign or project, including references to the goals of the action, campaign or project and its immediate impact and broader outcome.

9. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the written material provided. Support materials, including publications, newspaper articles, etc. are welcome.

10. The selection procedure takes place in three steps: pre-selection, selection and awarding decision:
    a. Pre-selection: The pre-selection phase would be done by a selection panel, which is formed by four members: one member of EUDEL in Riyadh, one member of EUDEL in Doha, one member of EUDEL in Kuwait City and one member of EUDEL in Abu Dhabi. The pre-selection panel will assess if the submitted applications meet the eligibility criteria of the award.
    b. Selection: The Jury is constituted by: one member of EUDEL in Riyadh, one member of EUDEL in Doha, one member of EUDEL in Kuwait City, one member of EUDEL in Abu Dhabi and preferably one member from each of the local Presidencies in Oman and Bahrain and one member from EEAS HQ. Each member will cast a vote based on criteria defined in point 11.
    c. Awarding decision: The Chair of the Jury will declare the candidate who earned most of the points in total in the Jury's evaluation the Winner of the Chaillot Prize. In case of a draw, the award will be shared by the winners who tied for the first place.

11. The Jury evaluates and takes into account total points of applicants according to criteria mentioned below and decides on the winner.
    a. Relevance for the GCC region / the country / the local environment: max. 20 points
    b. Convergence with the European Union's policy objectives in the field of human rights (as elaborated in the EU Human Rights Guidelines and other core documents of the Union). : max. 20 points
    c. Impact or potential impact on society: max. 20 points
    d. Originality in the promotion of human rights: max. 10 points
    e. Applicant's experience in the area of activity: max. 10 points

12. Any complaint and information query should be addressed to the Jury and EUDEL Riyadh will serve as Secretariat and Chair of the Jury.

13. The name of the Winner may be published in all relevant GCC countries. The Prize may consist of support by the European Union towards the organisation of an outreach activity linked to the action, campaign or projects for which the Prize was awarded (e.g. public event, study visit, media awareness activity).

14. The European Union shall have the right to reproduce and disseminate the information concerning the action, campaign or project that has been awarded. Acceptance of the Prize implies acceptance of publication of this information. In case of non-acceptance, the Prize will be allocated to the second finalist.

15. Should the winner be convicted of a criminal offense before, during or after the course of receiving the prize, the European Union retains the right to withdraw the prize. If the winner engages in activities that incite hatred, discrimination, violence, or that undermine human rights or the rule of law, the European Union may, at its sole discretion, withdraw the prize. The European Union may decide to withdraw the prize if the awarded organisation / representative incurs in disrespectful behaviour, hate speech or actions that may harm the reputation of the European Union.

Scanned cover letters and duly completed and signed applications must be sent by e-mail, no later than **23th of November 2026** by candidates to the following address: Delegation-Saudi-Arabia@eeas.europa.eu.

The application form can be downloaded online from the following addresses:
https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/saudi-arabia
https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/kuwait
https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/united-arab-emirates
https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/qatar

For questions and clarifications, applicants may write to Delegation-Saudi-Arabia@eeas.europa.eu.