

## CEI SEEMO Award for Outstanding Merits in Investigative Journalism

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2013

The CEI SEEMO Award for Outstanding Merits in Investigative Journalism aims to honour journalists who greatly contribute to investigative reporting despite the difficult conditions under which they often have to operate. Past recipients include qualified media professionals who have demonstrated a high commitment in performing their work. The Award is traditionally presented on the occasion of the South East Europe Media Forum (SEEMF) to be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on 7-8 October 2013.

The CEI and the SEEMO, in special partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), have opened applications for the edition 2013 of the Award, this year including two sections:

<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS</b>	<b>4.000 EUR</b>
<b>SECTION 2</b>	<b>YOUNG JOURNALISTS</b> (up to 30 years)	<b>1.000 EUR</b>

#### CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

The Call is open to nationals of all 18 CEI Member States: Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

As for Section 1, applicants should have acquired, in the last three years, special merits in investigative journalism and should still be active in journalism.

As for Section 2, applicants should have been active in investigative reporting even in the context of training activities organised by schools/universities and, as result, should have published one investigative story meeting all professional standards.

All media are accepted: press, broadcasting services (radio and TV), news agencies or Internet. Applicants should be nominated by individuals or a group of persons / journalism organisations / media companies / journalism schools or universities / journalism associations / NGOs. Self-nominations are not allowed.

#### TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

Applications should include the following documentation:

1. Filled-in Application Form (here-to attached)
2. Curriculum Vitae of the candidate
3. Summary of the presentations of the candidate's merits; details of the media which published / broadcasted the reports
4. Relevant supporting material about the candidate, such as TV reports on DVDs, audio reports on CDs, copies of articles. The material prepared in local languages should be accompanied by a synopsis in English.

Only applications including the above-mentioned documentation will be taken into account. Please note that supporting material cannot be returned. Therefore you are kindly invited to send original hard copies.

#### COMPOSITION OF THE JURY

The International Jury is made up of distinguished journalists and media experts from the CEI region.

#### CLOSING DATE

Applications should be submitted by e-mail by **20 JULY 2013** to:

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Supporting material could be sent by regular mail, if needed.

## ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS

### Central European Initiative – CEI

The CEI was founded in 1989 as the first forum promoting regional cooperation among the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Oriented towards policy dialogue, the CEI also focuses on economic growth and human development. Special attention is paid to capacity building, experience sharing and know-how transfer in order to achieve cohesion in areas of mutual interest and assist its non-EU Member States in consolidating their economic and social development in view of further EU integration. The CEI core mission is: regional cooperation for European integration, while acting as a bridge between macro-regions. Cooperation in the field of media stands among CEI priorities. Initiatives are promoted to encourage experience sharing and awareness raising with the aim to endorse media pluralism, transparency and independence. More info: [www.cei.int](http://www.cei.int)

### South East Europe Media Organisation – SEEMO

The SEEMO - South East Europe Media Organisation is a regional non-governmental, non-profit network of editors, media executives and leading journalists from newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations, news agencies and news media in South East and Central Europe. With its committees, SEEMO aims to create a bridge between international media activities and the media developments in the region. One of SEEMO's main activities is protecting press freedom by helping journalists and media outlets in South East and Central Europe. Over 60 per cent of SEEMO's press releases and letters of protest to governmental and other officials have had positive results in the past. More info: [www.seemo.org](http://www.seemo.org)

### Konrad Adenauer Stiftung - KAS

With 80 offices and projects in more than 100 countries worldwide, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung contributes to promoting democracy, the rule of law and social market economy. An essential part of this work is the promotion of free and independent media and the support of professional and ethical media coverage. Journalists have the responsible role of informing society and this way helping citizens form their opinion. Since only well informed citizens can actively and effectively take part in political, social and economical decision-making-processes and strengthen the democratic development in their countries.

The Media Program South East Europe, established in 2007, is part of the global media programme of KAS. It concentrates its efforts in this field in three main directions – education and trainings for journalists, who recognize their social, political, informational and watch-dog role; media policy and media ethics for an independent and multifaceted media landscape; and a professional and value oriented political communication serving for a better understanding between citizens, politicians and civil society.

More info: [www.kas.de/medien-europa/en/](http://www.kas.de/medien-europa/en/)