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Reporters d'Espoirs launches the first European prize of solutions journalism for youngsters from 18 to 30

With its “European Young Reporter Award” the NGO Reporters d'Espoirs (Reporters of Hope) encourages both the practice of French language and solutions journalism across Europe.

Dedicated to all young people between 18 and 30 years old, it will support quality reports presenting problems and initiatives which contribute to an inspiring, united and sustainable society with a European spreading potential.

10,000 euros in prizes will be awarded to 4 laureates for their written reports in French, with the support of *Fondation du Crédit Mutuel* whose action is focused on reading and solidarity, and *Fonds jeunes et innovants*.

Applications are opened until March 15, 2021.

Applications are welcome from both member states of the European Union, the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

A Prize dedicated to written reports, in French, addressing issues and initiatives that provide concrete solutions, on the scale of one European country or more.

- The report must be between 7,500 to 15,000 characters
- It should address one or more successful initiatives (whether they are associative, entrepreneurial, public or private) which respond to one or more issues - social, ecological, economic - and contribute to the construction of an inspiring, united and sustainable society
- It should contextualize the issue
- It should take a critical look at the issue as much as at the suggested "solutions", their impact, and their spreading potential
- It should mention the European dimension - for example with regard to the scale of the issue or of the addressed response, or with regard to the potential of the initiative to spread to other countries in Europe
- It must not have been published up to the date of application.

4 Prizes and 10,000 euros dedicated to young francophones from all European countries

- 2 Prizes of 3,000 € are dedicated to young people from non-French-speaking European countries
- 1 Prize of 2,000 € is dedicated to young people from French-speaking European countries
- 1 Prize of 2,000 € is dedicated to young people from France



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Application's criteria

The Prize is open to anyone who meets these criteria:

- **Write in French** - in which the report must be written
- Share the Reporters d'Espoirs philosophy, respect the principles of journalism and especially those of solutions journalism
- **Dwell or be a citizen of a country of Europe (including European Union, United Kingdom, Switzerland)**
- **Be between 18 and 30 years old**

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- November 17, 2020: opening of applications.
- **March 15, 2021: end of the call for applications.**
- End of the first half of 2021: prize-giving event in Paris on the occasion of the Reporters d'Espoirs Award - which will also distinguish journalists and media professionals.

The European version of the Reporters d'Espoirs Award created in 2004

The Reporters d'Espoirs Award puts the spotlight on journalists, media innovators, and student-future media professionals, for their topics covered under the "problem + solution" angle.

It has distinguished more than 100 laureates since its creation in 2004 and will celebrate its 11th edition in 2021.

The Prize enabled journalists to defend their work within their editorial board, to be renown amongst the public, to maintain or develop their sections, to convince their media of the relevance of solutions journalism... Beyond the strict journalistic field, it sheds light on media innovations, new concepts and new media.

This Prize is in line with Reporters d'Espoirs' mission "for information and media that make people want to act".

Information and applications:
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