
Draft selection criteria for the grant of the Ebru Timtik Fair Trial Award

I. The Award's recipients:

- (a) The Award shall be granted to one or two individual(s) or an organisation who or which have demonstrated outstanding commitment and sacrifice in upholding fundamental values related to the right to a fair trial.
- (b) The Award shall be granted to one or two individual(s) or an organisation from the focus country chosen for that year for the Fair Trial Day or to one or two individual(s) or an organisation who or which has been active in defending and or promoting the right to a fair trial in that specific country.
- (c) The work or activities of the individual(s)/organisation with respect to the right to a fair trial should be interpreted in the broadest way. This should allow, for example, the possibility of granting the Award to one or two individual(s) or an organisation who is himself/herself/themselves/itself the victim of violations of the right to a fair trial.
- (d) The Award shall be granted to one or two individual(s) or an organisation either in recognition of his/her/their/its recent outstanding piece of work in relation to the right to a fair trial or in recognition of his/her/their/its distinguished long-term involvement in fair trial issues. The awardee(s) must have a good standing regarding their dedication to and past practices on protecting human rights and fair trial standards.

II. The nomination process:

- (e) A public call for nominations shall be circulated.
- (f) The nomination applications may be submitted only by a legally established organisation or by a group of individuals composed of a minimum of 10 people. An organisation/group of individuals may not nominate themselves or one of their members.
- (g) Each organisation/group of individuals may submit only one nomination per year.
- (h) The nomination applications shall include three documents:
- the candidate's detailed bio
 - a letter signed by the organisation/group of individuals explaining the reasons why it/they consider(s) that the candidate should be granted the Award. This letter should, at a minimum, answer the following questions:
 - What are the main achievements of the candidate with respect to the right to a fair trial in the focus country?
 - In what ways would the Award be beneficial for her/his/their/its work/situation?

- one recommendation/supporting letter from an unrelated, external organisation, if the application is submitted by a group of individuals.

(i) The Award shall not be granted to an individual/organisation when it could be detrimental to him/her/them/it; e.g. because of serious risks in the country concerned. Therefore, before nominating a candidate, the nominating organisation/group of individuals should ascertain directly or indirectly from the individual/organisation they nominate that the Award would not be detrimental to him/her/them/it and that he/she/they/it would accept the Award if granted to him/her/them/it.

III. Granting of the Award:

(j) The Award shall be granted every year during an online or in person Ceremony organised on the occasion of the Fair Trial Day on 14 June, or another date agreed upon by the Steering Group, with the participation of the winner(s) or his/her/their/its representative.

(k) The Award is a non-monetary Award. The Steering Group is unable to facilitate additional steps of recognition to the nominees who have not been selected by the Jury for the Award.

(l) The winner(s) of the Award shall be chosen by a jury composed of independent individuals who are experienced with the right to a fair trial, including one or more from the focus country.

(m) The jury is expected to choose only one winner. If the members unanimously agree on granting the Award jointly to more than one individual, they shall provide reasons in their decision. In this case the number of awardees shall not be more than two.

(n) On the basis of the nominations received, the jury shall decide on the winner(s). The jury decision shall be unanimous. If unanimity is not achieved despite the best efforts, a majority vote shall be sufficient to determine the awardee(s). However, in this case, the jury member(s) who did not vote with the majority shall not have any human rights principles-related objections about the awardee(s). In case of such an objection, the jury shall inform the Steering Group to seek their opinion on whether the awardee(s) in question meet the criteria for the Ebru Timtik Award without any prejudice to the jury's independence.

(o) Once the winner(s) has been chosen, he/she/they/it shall be contacted in order to confirm that he/she/they/it accept(s) the Award and, accordingly, to invite him/her/them/it to the Ceremony on the 14th of June, or another date agreed upon by the Steering Group.