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To the Presidents of the EU National Economic
and Social Councils and Similar Institutions

Subject: Launch of the 2022 EESC Civil Society Prize

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) has launched the thirteenth edition of its Civil Society Prize.

The prize rewards non-for-profit initiatives carried out by natural persons and/or civil society organisations and/or private companies. Its aim is to raise awareness of the contribution that civil society can make to creating a European identity and citizenship in a way that underpins the common values that are the foundation of European integration.

The 2022 edition of the prize has 2 categories. Category 1 on **empowering young people** will reward initiatives which aim to create a better future for European youth and with European youth by tackling the specific needs of young people and contributing to their empowerment and participation in all spheres of economic and social life. Category 2 on **civil society for Ukraine** will reward initiatives aimed to help civilians suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine. The prize has a total value of EUR 60 000 and can be shared among up to three winners for each category.

The deadline for entries is **31 July 2022**. The awards ceremony will take place during the EESC plenary session on 14-15 December 2022. Detailed information about the prize, as well as the contest rules and the application form, are available on the EESC website at the following address: [EESC Civil Society Prize 2022 | European Economic and Social Committee \(europa.eu\)](https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/civil-society-prize-2022).

I warmly invite you to spread the word about the prize. I thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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