

Call for the EU Investigative Journalism Award 2023 open for journalists in the Western Balkans and Türkiye

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The EU Award for Investigative Journalism 2023, part of the project "Strengthening Quality Journalism in Western Balkans and Türkiye II", is now accepting submissions. The award aims to recognise and promote outstanding achievements in investigative journalism, as well as improving the visibility of quality journalism in the Western Balkans region and Türkiye.

The award celebrates the best investigative stories created in the previous calendar year and is awarded in the Western Balkans (Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia) and Türkiye.

This year, for the first time, the EU Award is introducing a regional award, targeting the best stories from the entire region, based on clearly defined criteria.

The annual award fund for each of the countries is 10,000 euros. In addition, the prize fund for regional awards also amounts to 10,000 euros. The three best stories of the year are awarded, and the amount of prizes for national and regional prizes is 5,000 (for first place), 3,000 (second), and 2,000 (for third) euros.

Each candidate can choose whether they want to nominate a work for the national, regional award or both, and this possibility is offered through the application form itself. One candidate can apply with several stories to the competition. The winners of national awards in the Western Balkans and Türkiye automatically become candidates for the regional EU award for investigative journalism.

The organiser of the award is [Thomson Media](#), an organisation with decades of experience in media development and promotion of media freedom on a global level.





The deadline for submissions is June 20th, 2023 until midnight CET.

The project is funded by the European Union, and it is implemented by a consortium composed of Balkan Investigative Reporting Network - BIRN Hub, Central European University (CEU) - Hungary, Association of Journalists (AJ) - Türkiye, Thomson Media (TM) - Germany, University Goce Delcev Stip (UGD) - North Macedonia, The Independent Union of Journalists and Media Workers (SSNM) - North Macedonia, Media Association of South-East Europe (MASE) - Montenegro and Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Kosovo (BIRN Kosovo).

Follow the link to the application and more details: <https://bit.ly/41uqOLL>

In this [social media toolkit](#), you will find samples of social media posts and graphics to use or adapt for your platforms.

If you have any questions, you can drop us a line here: EUAwards@thomsonmedia.de

