

## **COMPETITION RULES for the Gender Equality Prize of the French and German Embassies in Azerbaijan – 2021**

Gender equality is a priority of the French and German foreign policies. Everywhere, women's empowerment and standing in society should be strengthened.

In this respect, the French and the German Embassies in Azerbaijan will award in 2021 a « Gender Equality Prize ». This prize will reward women's initiatives, actions and commitments in favor of gender equality.

The laureate will be awarded a one month study trip to France to take part in a high quality educational training program in the field of human rights (Summer School at Sciences Po-Paris Campus), as well as a supplementary prize awarded by the German Embassy (to be confirmed).

The candidates for the « Gender Equality Prize » of the French and German Embassies in Azerbaijan commit to respect the following competition rules and to abide to the organizers decisions.

### **1. Organisation**

The contest is organized by the French Embassy and the German Embassy in Azerbaijan.

The application phase is opened from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Five candidates will be pre-selected to participate in the final round of the contest by the French and German Embassies on the basis of the quality of the project proposals.

The final contest will take place early May in front of a jury composed of 7 persons named jointly by French and German Embassies.

The Award ceremony will take place by the end of May 2021.

### **2. Eligibility**

This contest is opened to English-speaking (B2 level minimum) Azerbaijani women. Only complete applications, submitted before the deadline (April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021), will be taken into account. Each participant declares having read and agreed fully with the competition's rules. Each applicant will present a completed or ongoing project (see point 3) upon which the jury decision will be based. The prize does not contribute to the projects funding nor implementation.

### **3. Project**

Each applicant is invited to submit a project that she has initiated and is leading herself. The project submitted by the applicant must be a concrete project already undertaken and currently in progress (no virtual project is eligible). Therefore, it is required to show that the project has already started and has been already implemented, partly or fully.

The submission should relate to one of the following topics:

- Promotion of women leadership : strengthening the place of women in politics, and/or economics and/or on the labor market
- Women in conflict resolution and peace-building process
- Fight against gender-based violence
- Questioning Gender-based stereotypes
- Promotion of creative women: support to female artists, as for instance movie makers, fashion stylist, architects, etc.

#### **4. Terms of participation**

**Each applicant is invited to submit an application file composed of the following elements in English:**

- A sum-up of her application
- A motivation letter explaining her interest in the contest
- A written presentation of the completed or on-going project (2 pages maximum + annex without size or format limit: photos, videos, press book, portfolio...)
- A letter attesting the reading and agreement to the contest rules
- A CV including contact details
- A copy of the applicants ID (no translation in English required)

#### **5. Selection**

The selection process will take place in two steps:

Five applicants will be selected after the first phase among all the applications received before the deadline: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

They will be invited to introduce their project in front of a jury at the beginning of May 2021.

The oral presentation in English will last maximum 10 minutes and will be followed by jury member's questions. The presentation can be accompanied by different media allowing the best illustration of the project (photos, videos, PowerPoint, etc.)

The Prize will be announced and awarded by the end of May 2021.

#### **6. Prize**

The Prize awarded by the jury will be a short-term Summer Course in France in the field of human rights (Summer School at Sciences Po-Paris Campus) and an equivalent prize offered by the German Embassy. The flight ticket, the tuition fees and accommodation costs will be covered by the French and German Embassies. Depending on the pandemic situation, the courses might have to take place virtually.

#### **7. Communication**

The laureate of the first French and German Embassies' « Gender Equality Prize » in Azerbaijan accepts that her name will be published and that she might be invited to introduce her project to Azerbaijani, French and German media.

#### **8. Submission of application**

Applications must be formulated and sent no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to the French or to the German Embassy in Azerbaijan as following:

##### **French Embassy:**

Application File to « French-German Gender Equality Prize »  
To Jérôme Kelle, Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor  
Embassy of France to Azerbaijan  
9 Rasoul Rza  
AZ 1000 Baku – BP 36

**German Embassy:**

Application File to « French-German Gender Equality Prize »  
To Andrea Sühl, Deputy Head of Mission  
Embassy of Germany to Azerbaijan  
ISR Plaza  
69 Nizami Street  
1005 Baku

