

Daphne Prize for Journalism

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The **Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism** was established by the **European Parliament** to recognise and support outstanding journalism that promotes and defends the fundamental values of the European Union. These principles include **human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights**.

The prize was launched in 2020 as a tribute to Maltese investigative journalist and anti-corruption blogger Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was murdered on 16 October 2017.

The Prize is open to **professional journalists and teams of journalists** of any nationality. Entries must be published or broadcast by a media outlet based in one of the **27 EU Member States**. Submissions can include written articles, visual reports or audio content, provided they demonstrate a strong commitment to journalistic ethics, public interest, and the defence of democratic values.

- **A Europe-wide independent jury** selects the winning entry each year. The jury is composed of **representatives of the press and civil society** from across the European Union, as well as members of leading associations of journalists.
- The selected work is awarded a **€20,000 prize**, in recognition of its contribution to press freedom, public accountability and the protection of democratic standards.
- **The award ceremony** takes place in the **European Parliament in Strasbourg** around mid-October, as a symbolic reminder of the date when **Daphne Caruana Galizia** was assassinated.
- The Prize reflects the **Parliament's broader efforts to protect the media and the safety of journalists**. In recent years, the European Parliament has advocated for stronger safeguards media professionals through the adoption of the **European Media Freedom Act** and the **Anti-SLAPP directive**, which aim to reinforce editorial independence and protect against abusive litigation.

By rewarding high quality independent journalism, the Prize helps strengthen media freedom and **reinforces the vital role of the press in upholding democratic life in Europe**. It honours Daphne Caruana Galizia's legacy, and all journalists who seek the truth in the public interest.

