



Dear friends,

The Junta de Andalucía (Regional Government of Andalusia, Spain), through the Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation, has the honour to present the call for the **2nd Edition of the Mediterranean Awards**, under the auspices of the Intermediterranean Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions.

With the aim of increasing the reach of these Awards, I am therefore contacting you in the hope you can actively contribute to the dissemination of this call through your own channels, encouraging participation so that candidatures to the different modalities of the Mediterranean Awards can be submitted from the persons and institutions you deem appropriate.

The success achieved by the first edition of this initiative —with participants from 16 different countries and almost 100 high-quality applications— reaffirms our commitment to make these Awards a solid and prestigious benchmark for the entire Mediterranean region. The Awards also constitute an important platform for the winning candidates as they will obtain a considerable projection throughout the Mediterranean basin.

The six award-winning candidates of that first edition undoubtedly synthesised a broad spectrum of best practices in the Mediterranean. They were also a good example of the different contributions to the advancement of Mediterranean identity and the promotion of sustainable development and solidarity in and between all its shores.

Thus, within the first category of institutional Awards for projects, institutions, companies or other organisations, as well as for persons, the **Mediterranean Women's Award** was granted to the Moroccan philanthropist Leila Mezian Benjelloun, for her commitment to the education of disadvantaged women



and girls in rural areas and the preservation and promotion of heritage and culture.

The work of Palestine's An-Najah National University was distinguished with the **Mediterranean Green Award**, for its work in reducing the environmental impact in the Mediterranean and its contribution to improving the living conditions of vulnerable communities.

The project MED GAIMS led by the American University of Beirut received the **Mediterranean Digital Award**, for its contribution to improving competitiveness in the tourism sector, while involving also several partners from the Mediterranean region —7 partners from 4 countries participated in the project: Lebanon, Italy, Spain and Jordan—. Likewise, the ability to involve young people from the entire region and contribute to the debate on the most relevant contemporary issues and concerns landed the Mediterranean Youth Council from France the **Mediterranean Identity Award**. The fundamental social work carried out by the Italian Associazione NO CAP with migrant groups —especially relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic— was distinguished with the **Mediterranean Solidarity Award**.

On the other hand, the *Ad personam* category, which includes the **Mediterranean of the Year Award**, was granted to Spanish chef Ángel León González, for his career and international prestige and his contribution to reducing the ecological footprint and environmental impact in the Mediterranean through gastronomic research and innovation.

With regard to the second edition of the Awards, we would like to highlight the following information:

- Detailed information on the different award categories and their modalities mentioned above can be found on the website www.premiosdelmediterraneo.org.



- Candidates may submit nominations or be nominated by a third party in one or both of the two existing categories.

- Applications may be submitted by filling in the application form available on the website: <https://premiosdelmediterraneo.org/>. Likewise, a letter of candidacy must be sent through this form in any of the following languages: Spanish, English or French.

Please find attached the instructions document regulating the Awards, including the countries to which the winning individuals and/or institutions, projects, companies and other organisations must come from.

The deadline for submitting applications is the 29th of May 2024.

For further information about the submission process, you can contact us at the e-mail address premiosmed@tresculturas.org. You can also contact us at this address with any queries or questions you may have in relation to this second edition of the Mediterranean Awards.

Hoping that this initiative will be of interest to you, and thanking you in advance for your cooperation in disseminating it, we send you our warmest regards.

Mediterranean Awards Permanent Secretariat