



## PROPHETIC ECONOMY IN PRACTICE - AWARD 2018

### FOR THE PEOPLE, PLANET AND OUR FUTURE

Our world is facing an ecological and social crisis. Climate change and growing inequality is being fed by unjust economic, political structures which prioritise short term gain.

Many people all over the world BELIEVE passionately in human development and sustainability, WORK tirelessly to change the rules and to demand justice.

The time has come to JOIN TOGETHER and to become more than the sum of our parts.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This competition is taking place as part of the international 'Prophetic Economy' 2018 event, which will take place in **Castelgandolfo, Italy, from November 2- 4, 2018**. The event will bring together organisations and people who are engaged in a just transition towards an economy which is at the service of people, the planet and the future, with particular attention to the poorest. The motivating force behind the initiative is a desire to bring together those share this common objective, finding new ways to collaborate, in order to give a powerful, catalytic message of hope, above all, to those who are victims of social and environmental injustice, and to understand together how to move at a macro level, beyond our origins and diversity.

To be a change makers today requires more than words. It means looking at the far horizon, whilst building the future we need day after day. It means living, however imperfectly, the future we need.

This competition aims to give visibility and acknowledgement to the mant change makers who, guided by a bold vision or a deep vocation, transmit positive energy at the service of the common good. They inhabit a just and sustainable future through their actions. We want to stimulate inventivness, debate and creativity in the search for sustainable solutions to social and environmental problems of our times.

## 2. WHY 'PROPHETIC' PRACTICES?

The word 'prophetic' is based on the vision of a future objective, in the attempt to respond to the quesiton: what kind of society do we want? 'Prophetic' speaks to us partly about something which already exists in the here and 'now', but aboveall something which is full of promise, but 'not yet' fulfilled. It values practical experiences which already exist, but also poses challenges to institutions, to the system, demonstrating to the world that something is missing. It helps us to face upt to the fact that all is not as it should be.

It a world where size matters, prophetic experiences can seem insignificant. They are often small. They are prototypes – wonderfully imperfect and even eccentric. Often, they don't 'fit' with received wisdom. Discovering these precious jewels is essential in the contruction of a better future.

## 3. WHO IS ORGANISING IT?

The competition is organised in association with Economy of Communion (Focolare Movement - PAFOM), ATD Forth World, Pope John XXIII Association, Nomadelfia Community, Slotmob, Global Catholic Climate Movement, World of community and family, and Teens4Unity.



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## 4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This challenge is open to organisations and individuals who meet the criteria described below. By participating in the competition, the competitors accept these official rules.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The competition is open to all individuals or groups, whether on a personal basis or by means of their belonging to public, private or non-profit organisations, regardless of country of origin, provided that: (a) they are adults in the country of origin; minors' candidatures must be subscribed by an adult (b) they have authority and/or consent of the organisation in question to participate in the competition on their behalf.

Participation in the competition implies acceptance of the Official Rules ("Terms and Conditions") and the privacy and data protection policies on behalf of ones self and on behalf of the organisation represented.

### PROPHETIC ECONOMY IN PRACTICE- WHAT IT MEANS

Experiences or projects which are currently underway or realised in the past and concluded no earlier than 2016; ideas which haven't been put into practice or projects currently under way but not yet producing results and demonstrable impact.

The projects in question have to follow an *integral approach*, involving economic development and at the same time inclusive and sustainable, in other words, aimed at ensuring the dignity of each person, while respecting environmental limits.

### THEMATIC EXAMPLES

The following are examples only:

- Radical, circular economy approaches which support reduction of consumption and minimise waste, leading to more collaborative, community-based production and consumption patterns, whilst generating new employment opportunities.
- Practices which favour agro-ecological approaches, which reduce impact on natural resources, climate emissions, support biodiversity and regeneration, whilst addressing hunger and rural poverty.
- Economic and financial practices which enable people living in different types of poverty to maximise their entrepreneurial potential, whilst ensuring long-term redistribution of wealth.
- Practices which promote a rapid and just transition to locally distributed community based renewable energy – combatting climate change, whilst at the same time enabling poverty alleviation and energy democratization.



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- Practices which merge traditional knowledge and information technology to address the dual challenges of poverty and environmental degradation.

## CATEGORIES

- Category 1: Individuals
- Category 2: Businesses
- Category 3: Organisations, NGOs and Public Bodies

## 5. MODALITIES

In order to enter a practice or experience, every individual or organisation must:

1. Fill in the form, which includes information about the person/organisation and the specific practice. The form is available on the website: [www.propheticconomy.org/award](http://www.propheticconomy.org/award)
2. Send a short video of 2-3 minutes which explains (a) the contribution to a prophetic economy and an inclusive, sustainable society; (b) the motivation behind the action.

The video must be in English, or with English subtitles, or send with a translated text.

3. Send the signed privacy and data protection, and official rules document.

An organisation or individual can make more than one entry. In such a case, please fill in one entry per practice you wish to enter into the competition.

## 6. PROJECT SELECTION AND CRITERIA

A jury, comprising experts, will examine and evaluate the projects based on a series of parameters:

- Level of integration of social, economic and environmental sustainability in practice
- Results produced
- Positive impact (the sustainable change in the conditions of people, social relations or on the environment which the intervention contributed towards)
- Originality of the experience
- Involvement of numerous actors (institutions, associations, etc) in bringing about the change
- Use of participatory processes in the creation and development of the project or practice.



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The list of members of the jury for the **Prophetic Economy Award 2018** will be published on the website [www.propheticconomy.org](http://www.propheticconomy.org).

## 7. TIMELINES



\* Changes to dates will be communicated via the Prophetic Economy website. Late entries, or entries which do not comply with the online form will not be considered.

## 8. PRIZE

The three winners of the Prophetic Practices Award 2018 will receive a prize of €3000, €2000 and €1000 respectively. The three finalists will be invited to present their entries live during the "Prophetic Economy" event. Communications training by a coach specialising in storytelling will be offered to winners. Travel expenses and participation will be covered by the organizers (for 1 person).

The short-listed projects: The following top ten shortlisted projects will have the chance to present their experience in side-events, and receive the feedback of international experts and peers. Travel expenses and participation of short-listed projects **won't** be covered by the organizers. The presentations will be recorded and used in social media.

## 9. CONTACTS

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