

## CONTEST RULES FOR THE GENDER EQUALITY PRIZE OF THE FRENCH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES IN AZERBAIJAN – 2023

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

As such, the French and the German Embassies in Azerbaijan will award in 2023 a « Gender Equality Prize ». This Prize will reward initiatives, actions and commitments in favor of gender equality.

The laureate will receive a joint grant from the French and German Embassies.

Candidates for the « Gender Equality Prize » of the French and German Embassies in Azerbaijan agree to abide the following competition rules and comply with decisions of the organisers.

### 1. Organisation

The competition is organised by the French Embassy and the German Embassy in Azerbaijan.

The application phase is open **from March 17 to May 10, 2023**.

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

The final contest will take place **at the beginning of June** before a jury appointed jointly by the French and German Embassies.

The Award ceremony will take place **in mid-June**.

### 2. Eligibility

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline (**May 10, 2023**) will be considered. Each participant declares to have read and accepted the rules of the competition. Each applicant will present an ongoing project (see point 3) on which the jury's decision will be based.

### 3. Project

Each applicant is invited to present a project that she/he has initiated and is leading. The project submitted by the applicant must be a concrete project already undertaken and currently in progress (no virtual project is eligible). It is therefore necessary to demonstrate that the project has already begun and has been implemented, in part or in full.

The submission must relate to one of the following topics:

- Promoting women leadership : strengthening the place of women in politics, and/or economics and/or on the labor market;
- Promoting women's role in conflict resolution and peace-building process;
- Combating gender-based violence;
- Challenging gender-based stereotypes ;
- Promoting creative women: support provided to female artists, such as filmmakers, fashion designers, architects, etc.

#### 4. Terms of participation

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

- A sum-up of her application;
- A motivation letter explaining his/her interest in the contest;
- A written presentation of the ongoing project (two pages maximum + annex with no size or format limit: photos, videos, press book, portfolio...);
- A letter attesting to the reading and agreement of the contest rules;
- A CV with the candidate's contact information;
- A copy of the applicant's ID (no translation in English required).

#### 5. Selection

The selection process will be conducted in two phases:

Five candidates will be selected after the first phase from all applications received by the deadline: **May 10, 2023**.

They will be invited to present their project before a jury **at the beginning of June**.

The oral presentation in English will last a maximum of 10 minutes and will be followed by questions from the members of the jury. The presentation may be accompanied by various media to illustrate the project (photos, videos, PowerPoint, etc.).

The winner will be announced and awarded **in mid-June**.

#### 6. Prize

The Prize awarded by the jury will be a grant offered by the French and German Embassies in Azerbaijan.

#### 7. Communication

The laureate of the third French and German Embassies' « Gender Equality Prize » in Azerbaijan agrees to have her name published and to be invited to present her project to Azerbaijani, French and German media.

#### 8. Submission of application

Applications must be completed and sent (by post and/or email) no later than **May 10, 2023** to both French and German Embassies in Azerbaijan as following:

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

Application File to « French-German Gender Equality Prize »

To: Charles Denier, Cultural and Cooperation Counsellor, and Eva Seye, Political Attaché  
Embassy of France to Azerbaijan

9 Rasoul Rza

AZ 1000 Baku – BP 36

Email: [Scac.BAKOU-AMBA@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:Scac.BAKOU-AMBA@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

**German Embassy:**

Application File to « French-German Gender Equality Prize »

To: Heiko Schwarz, Deputy Head of Mission

Embassy of Germany to Azerbaijan

ISR Plaza

69 Nizami Street

1005 Baku

Email: [ku-10@baku.diplo.de](mailto:ku-10@baku.diplo.de)