



European Committee
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Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award

for courage and excellence
in promotion of freedom, solidarity and equality



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#AdamowiczAward

Gdansk, 21 September 2022

Mr Mantas Jurgutis
Deputy Mayor of Kaunas
President of the Union of the Baltic Cities

Invitation to submit a nomination for the Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award 2022

Dear Mr Jurgutis,

As you know, Paweł Adamowicz, the late Mayor of Gdańsk, dedicated his life to promoting cooperation, solidarity and trust among citizens. His commitment to strengthening local democracy and the fight against corruption made him an example for local and regional authorities around the world. Defending these values - freedom, solidarity and equality - he paid the highest possible price, being assassinated in January 2019.

To continue the legacy of Paweł Adamowicz, in 2021, the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), the City of Gdańsk and the International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN), jointly established the Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award for courage and excellence in the promotion of freedom, solidarity and equality.

The Award is a homage to and recognition of everyone who works with courage and integrity to combat intolerance, radicalisation, hate speech, violence, oppression and xenophobia. It is for those who promote peace, equal opportunities, social integration and fundamental rights. For those who are inspired by and carry on the legacy of Paweł Adamowicz.

It will honour individuals or organisations who build bridges and tear down walls, with a clear sense of responsibility for future generations – people who pave the way for societal change in

favour of the weakest, not shying away from any urgent battle for human rights and civil liberties, locally, nationally or internationally.

The second Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award opened for nominations in June 2022, and it is planned that the winner will be presented with the Award at a plenary session of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) in January 2023.

All the details of the Award can be found on its website: [Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/mayor-pawel-adamowicz-award).

As you and your organisation have a great deal of experience in the field, on behalf the Award Partners, we would like to invite your organisation to nominate an individual or an organisation for the Award, whose activities focus on the key priorities of the Award. To nominate the next winner of the award, please complete this [online nomination form](#) by **31 October 2022**. Full details on [the criteria](#) and how to submit a nomination can be found on the Award website.

Lastly, we would welcome your cooperation in promoting the Award within your network and further afield.

I would be grateful if you could send your response or any questions you may have to adamowiczaward@cor.europa.eu and to the Award Secretariat in Gdańsk to Joanna Marczevska at joanna.marczevska@gdansk.gda.pl.

This Award will showcase excellence in promoting the equal rights and opportunities, social integration and fundamental rights of citizens around the world, and we sincerely hope that you and your organisation will join our efforts and be a part of the Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award in 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Mayor of Gdańsk



Aleksandra Dulciewicz