

General terms and conditions for the competition of the project “Local Voices – Global Exchange”

The competition is organized by DW Akademie (subsequently named DW), in cooperation with the partner organizations Lokal Press (Serbia), Media Matters for Democracy (Pakistan) and Leaders of Tomorrow (Jordan) will run until **August 31st 2021**.

The competition is open to the following participants:

- Where participants are based in **Serbia or Pakistan: registered:** local media or citizen media organizations (hereafter referred as “eligible media organizations”) promoting freedom of speech, democratic values and equality. Journalists or any other employee of the media entities mentioned above should contact the responsible persons in their media house to produce the application in this contest.
- Where participants are based in **Jordan:** the aforementioned eligible media organizations as well as individual journalists publishing in their own (social)media channels promoting freedom of speech, democratic values and equality (“eligible individuals”).

These media should focus on local events and developments on district or province level targeting the population in the region the local medium is located.

DW managers, jury members and the people they live with, and mentors and the people they live with are not eligible to participate.

The concepts to apply with fall into any of the following categories:

- convincing content innovations,
- innovative business, and
- advertising plans which helped you to cope with the Covid19 crisis and may foster viability in future crisis.

A: To participate, eligible media organizations / eligible individuals must:

- Propose a project that can work or is working, in part or in full, in one or more of the targeted countries (Serbia, Jordan and Pakistan).
- Develop a concept (pitch deck) linked to one of the proposed themes.

Provide a certificate of registration of the legal entity (in case of applying as a “eligible media organization”) or copy of passport (in case of applying as a “eligible individual”)

B: Registrations are open until August 31st 2021.

- Information sessions will be announced as and when confirmed. For more details please follow the websites and social media channels of our partner organizations in:
 - Pakistan (Media Matters for Democracy): www.mediamatters.pk
 - Serbia (Lokal Pres): www.localpress.org.rs
 - Jordan (Leaders of Tomorrow): www.Facebook.com/leadersot

C: All work carried out by the successful participants is their own property. No company, organization or entity other than the registered team can claim prerogatives on the intellectual property developed at Local Voices – Global Exchange. Any prior intellectual property that the Local Voices – Global Exchange participants bring with them or by which they are linked because of their professional status must be declared to the organizers of Local Voices – Global Exchange.

D: Competition procedures:

Info: all exact dates will be communicated later.

The selected participants must present their project to the other selected participants and the jury. Submissions will remain open until the 31st of August at the latest, and announcement of selected projects will take place in September 30th 2021. The final selected participants) may each receive **up to 6,000.00 EUR (= six thousand EUR** based on a contract to be concluded with the respective partner organization of DW Akademie in accordance with the applicable laws), and will be under the obligation to continue developing their projects during the incubation phase (November 2021 to January 2022). The applicants agree to participate in regular workshops (1 per month) and to discuss ideas with other selected participants and whether these ideas may be tested in different contexts and to cooperate with mentors provided by the partner organization of DW Akademie in Serbia, Pakistan and Jordan.

E: The documents to be submitted are as follows:

- Filled-in registration form
- A 1-minute video presenting the concept

Content may be drawn up in Arabic, Serbian, Urdu, or English. English is preferred.

Rules

1. In order to be declared a finalist, the selected participant, must meet the following conditions:

Confirm that he/she meets the eligibility conditions and other requirements of these general terms and conditions.

Failure to comply with one of the conditions mentioned above or any other condition mentioned in these rules, the selected participant will be disqualified and at the discretion of the organizers, the financial support will be canceled or to the organizers may select another participant in accordance with these general terms and conditions. The same conditions will then remain applicable, making the necessary adaptations, if necessary.

2. Refusal to receive the financial support

In the event that the selected participant refuses to receive the financial support as laid down in the respective contract, DW Akademie, Lokal Pres (Serbia), Media Matters for Democracy (Pakistan), and Leaders of tomorrow (Jordan), named the jury thereafter, will be released from any obligation relating to the selection of that participant and may proceed, at its discretion, to the cancellation of this selection or to a new draw as described in the previous paragraph.

3. Verifications:

All registrations and declaration forms are subject to verification by the jury. Those which are incomplete, inaccurate, illegible, mechanically reproduced, mutilated, fraudulent, filed or transmitted late, containing an invalid or otherwise non-compliant data, may be rejected and will not be entitled to be selected.

4. Participate:

Any applicant participating in Local Voices – Global Exchange or attempting to participate by a means contrary to these regulations and of a nature to be unfair to other participants (for example: computer hacking, non-declaration of previous intellectual property) will be automatically disqualified and could be referred to the competent judicial authorities. Likewise, projects that have not respected the pre-incubation (prototyping) and pre-commercialization (priming) statutes will be disqualified.

5. Competition procedures:

Any attempt to sabotage the legitimate conduct of the competition constitutes a violation of civil and criminal laws. If such attempts are made, The Jury reserves the right to reject the participant's registrations and obtain redress under the law.

6. Limitation of liability

The selected participants release the Jury from all responsibility for damages that may arise from participation in Local Voices – Global Exchange, acceptance and the respective contract. The selected participants acknowledge that upon receipt of the contract or a respective letter confirming their successful application, the performance of the obligations related to the selection becomes their sole and exclusive responsibility

7. Liability limit – exceptional situation

The Jury will not assume any liability of any kind in all cases where its inability to act results from a fact or situation beyond its control or from a strike, lockout or any other labor dispute in the establishments of organizations or companies whose services are used for the holding of this competition.

8. Limitation of liability – participation in Local Voices – Global Exchange

The Jury will not be responsible for lost entries or for any failure of the website for any reason during the duration of this competition, including any damage to a participant's computer or mobile device.

9. Modification of the competition:

The Jury reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend, in whole or in part, this competition in the event of an event or any human intervention that may alter or influence the administration, security, impartiality or running of the competition as provided for in these rules cannot be held responsible.

10. End of participation in the competition:

In the event that, for any reason whatsoever, participation in the competition should end in whole or in part before the end date provided for in these general terms and conditions, the selection may be made, at the discretion of the Jury, among the applications duly recorded and received until the date of the event that ended participation in Local Voices – Global Exchange.

11. Acceptance by the selected participant:

By accepting the contract to be awarded, each selected participant authorizes the Jury to use, if necessary, their names, photographs, images, voices, places of residence and declarations relating to the awarded contract for advertising purposes, without any form of remuneration.

12. Miscellaneous

If a paragraph of these general terms and conditions is declared or deemed illegal, unenforceable or anywhere by a competent court, then this paragraph will be considered to be null, but all the other paragraphs which are not affected will be applied within the limits permitted by law.

13. The competition is subject to all applicable laws in Germany.

14. Personal information:

The personal information collected from the participants will be used only for the purposes of managing Local Voices – Global Exchange.

15. Decisions:

Anyone who participates in Local Voices – Global Exchange agrees to comply with these general terms and conditions and to accept the final decisions of the organizers who administer Local Voices – Global Exchange.