

Guidelines for determining the laureates and awarding the Boris Nemtsov Prize

1. General Provisions

1.1 The Boris Nemtsov Prize (the Prize) is established by the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom (the Foundation) pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of association.

1.2 The present Guidelines for determining the laureates and presenting the Boris Nemtsov Prize (the Regulations) regulate the procedure of determining the laureates and presenting the Prize.

1.3 The Prize is awarded annually to an individual for exceptional determination in the struggle for democratic values, freedom of expression and human rights, especially for the development of relations between Russia and the European Union. In particular, the Prize can be awarded to public and political figures, journalists, cultural figures, human rights defenders and representatives of the expert community.

1.4 The monetary part of the Prize is 10 000 (ten thousand) Euro.

1.5 It is the winner's personal responsibility to pay all applicable taxes related to receiving the monetary part of the Prize as specified in clause

1.4. The Foundation does not provide tax accountancy services for the winner.

1.6 The winner of the Prize shall be announced annually on June 12 of the respective year, unless a special decision has been made by the Foundation's founders.

1.7 No person shall have any legal claims against the Foundation regarding the procedure for awarding the Prize or the final decision on the selection of the winner of the Prize, including the question of why a nominee has not been selected.

2. The General Rules for the Selection of the Laureate of the Prize

2.1 The winner of the Prize shall be determined in three stages each year: nomination and determination of five finalists by the Foundation founders, voting by the founders and members of the Board of Trustees on the winner of the Prize, and approval of the winner by the founders and the Board of Trustees.

2.2 The entire procedure for determining the Prize Laureate shall be conducted from February 27 to June 10 of the respective current year.

3. Nomination

3.1 The Foundation founders have the right to nominate candidates for the Prize. Each of them may propose up to five candidates for the Long List (the "Long List") of the Prize. Upon agreement, the founders of the Foundation may request expert evaluation from non-governmental human rights organizations. The founders of the Foundation shall then form by consensus a short list of five finalists (the "Short List").

3.2 No later than April 1 of the relevant year, the Foundation founders shall send to the Foundation Board by e-mail the short-list of the Prize, with information about the nominees and a brief statement of the grounds for nomination.

3.5 No person affiliated with the Boris Nemtsov Foundation, the founder of the Foundation, or the members of the Foundation Board of Trustees may be nominated, namely a person who has or has had a contractual relationship with any of them.

4. Determination of the winner of the Prize

4.1 The founders and members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees have the right to vote. Voting shall be conducted in absentia by e-mail.

4.2 Voting specified in clause 4.1 of the Regulations shall be conducted during the period, which begins no earlier than April 15 and not later than May 1, and ends no later than June 1 of the respective current year.

4.3 The winner of the Prize shall be selected by a rating vote of the founders and members of the Board of Trustees from among the finalists shortlisted (in accordance with clauses 4.1 and 4.2 of the Regulations).

4.4 The winner of the Prize shall be the nominee who obtains a majority of votes and is approved by the Founders and the Foundation Board at a joint meeting or in absentia.

4.6 In the event that two nominees receive the same number of votes, the Founders of the Foundation shall have the deciding vote.

4.7 The name of the laureate shall be published on the Foundation's website on June 12 of the current year after approval by the Foundation Board and before the Prize is awarded.

5. Awarding of the Prize

5.1 The Prize shall be awarded personally to the winner of the Prize or his/her representative as agreed.

5.2 The payment of the monetary part of the Prize is effected after the announcement of the recipient of the Prize and shall be made by bank transfer before December 31 of the current year.

5.3 The winner of the Prize may receive the Prize in his/her personal account, or in the account of a third party (individual or legal entity). In this case, the Laureate must provide the Foundation with the bank account details to which he/she requests the transfer of the Prize.

5.5 If bank account details are not provided before December 1 of the current year, the Foundation reserves the right to use the Prize money for other purposes. The decision on the allocation of the funds shall be made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees by voting.