



SILVER ROSE AWARDS

CRITERIA and FAQs

Who is eligible?

A Civil Society organisation or a person (professional, politician, academic, volunteer, trade unionist, militant), based on their significant and committed involvement in civil society activities and their contribution to social justice and solidarity worldwide. There are 3 categories in which to nominate, coinciding with the Pillars of SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Foundation's areas of work:

- a. Together for Social Europe Award (social affairs and social justice),
- b. Organising International Solidarity Award (international cooperation),
- c. Building Learning Societies Award (education and lifelong learning).

Representation of a myriad of efforts in civil society advancement is desired, following the categories of the Award. Involvement in gender issues, international development, peace promotion, workers' rights and political activism are generally considered an asset.

There are no guidelines in terms of seniority/length of work, topics addressed or legal entity status.

SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Foundation reserve the right to withdraw a candidacy that is perceived to not comply with these guidelines or is done by a "fake" profile (inexistent person or organisation).

Who can nominate?

Representatives of Civil Society Organisations, NGOs, Trade Unions, politicians and policy makers, or any person working in relation to these sectors. An organisation can nominate itself (or nominate its members or individuals working in them) for the award.

Are there any other criteria to consider?

- Nominee's work impact, engagement and cooperation with others, with progressive values promoted.
- Nominator's compelling and thorough justification of the nominee and its/her/his work.
- For the International Cooperation Award, generally a non-European action base and/or non-European candidate is desired as a candidate.
- To exemplify, you can resort to our [list of winners of previous editions](#).



What does the award entail?

The winners are invited (travel and accommodation covered) to attend a ceremony in their honour in Brussels, held in the premises of the European Parliament. A tailor-made agenda is set up for each awardee to ensure work visibility and liaison with EU actors and Brussels-based stakeholders of interest to their endeavours. Their work is also featured and promoted by SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Foundation in their digital networks and by its partners (S&D Group, PES, EURACTIV).

Who is the Jury?

The composition of the Jury varies slightly every year, but it is mainly composed of 10 to 15 members: Civil Society representatives, trade unionists and policy makers. They are generally partners and/or related to SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Foundation spheres of work ([see the Jury of the 2020 edition](#)).

What is the Special Jury Award?

On certain occasions, the Jury has encountered such a large number of exceptional nominees that they have wanted to award a wider range of candidates. For this reason, we have introduced a Special Jury Award, that honours an organisation or individual outside the three standard categories.

Any further questions?

Please direct your comments or queries to communications@solidar.org.