



SILVER ROSE 2023

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE JUST TRANSITION AWARD

Time is running out to stop the irreversibility of climate change and its catastrophic effects for our civilization and life on earth as we know it. The [latest IPCC report](#) on climate change published in March 2023 unequivocally states that human activities are the primary cause of global warming and highlights the devastating impact that climate change is having and will have on our planet, including rising sea levels, extreme weather events such as droughts, fires and floods, melting glaciers, and biodiversity loss. We are currently continuing to move in the wrong direction.

People's lives, livelihoods, homes and jobs across the globe are, already today, critically exposed to the ongoing climate crisis. What we also know is that time is not on our side to avert its worst impacts. We must half our greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050 to stand a chance to limit global warming to 1.5°C. This would require an unprecedented and radical transformation of our economies and our societies.

It is also clear that there are stark societal inequalities in terms of the impact of climate change. Those who are least responsible for greenhouse gas emissions are the most vulnerable to its consequences in Europe and globally. The Global South is the most exposed to the rapidly changing environment and the least equipped to face its consequences. Moreover, socio-economic inequalities are at the root of climate change and environmental degradation. According to a [report by Oxfam](#), the richest one percent of the world's population are responsible for more than twice as much carbon pollution as the 3.1 billion people who made up the poorest half of humanity during a critical 25-year period of unprecedented emissions growth. Therefore, trying to "fix" climate change without solving the socio-economic inequalities that pervade our societies would doom the ecological transition to failure.

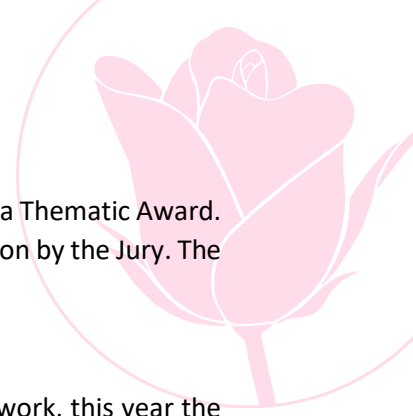
What scientists, the climate movement, and progressive civil society organizations have been calling for is a wake-up call to governments all around the world to make the necessary political and economic decisions to achieve a more sustainable future. We are far beyond the point where this could be considered a separate issue, it is a matter of survival and of social justice for all.

In its 2023 edition, the Silver Rose will celebrate those who work actively towards a just transition towards carbon-neutrality. An individual or organisation that reminds us that with collective action, courage, perseverance, and commitment – we can do not what is politically reasonable but what is necessary to put people and the planet first.

[Nominate here](#)

What is Silver Rose?

Launched in 2001, Silver Rose is an annual event organized by SOLIDAR, for many years in collaboration with the group of Socialists & Democrats to celebrate civil society organisations and individuals whose extraordinary struggles contribute to social justice and solidarity throughout the world. This year, the Silver Rose is organized by SOLIDAR in partnership with *Socialists & Democrats*, the *Party of European Socialists* and the *Foundation of European Progressive Studies*.



Since 2022, two awards have been handed out: a Lifetime Achievement Award and a Thematic Award. The thematic award is done through an open call for nominations and a final selection by the Jury. The Lifetime Achievement Award is selected through an internal selection process.

The Thematic Award

Given the urgency of the climate crisis and the central role it plays for SOLIDAR's work, this year the **focus will be a socially Just Transition to carbon neutrality**. We will collect nominations from civil society, trade unions, activists, citizens or politicians that have distinguished themselves in their work and dedication to ensuring a truly transformative ecological transition, one that is socially fair and just.

What we regard as **“Just Transition”**: *Initiatives aimed at ensuring that people and socioeconomic fairness are at the heart of action against climate change and environmental degradation, so that this contributes to advancing social justice and promoting socioeconomic equality. This includes, among others, ensuring that green jobs are decent, that people in vulnerable situations have access to affordable clean energy, that the shift to clean mobility takes into account the needs of underrepresented groups such as people with disabilities, etc.*

The nominee for the Thematic award should be someone who:

- Is active in the field of humanitarian support, human rights, social rights, education, information and journalism, climate justice, migrants and refugees' rights or crisis-response.
- Takes part in advocacy, campaigning, social or political actions, community organising, or political journalism.
- Has a positive impact in their communities, on legislation, policies or by bringing people together, or inspiring others to activism and organizing.

The nominations can preferably be linked to concrete achievements, in the form of success stories or similar events, with a local, national, European or international dimension.

Since the climate crisis will have a particular detrimental impact on the populations of the Global South, we welcome and encourage nominations for activists, journalists, organisers, or individuals that carry out their work and activism on ensuring a Just Transition in these regions.

The Silver Rose Jury

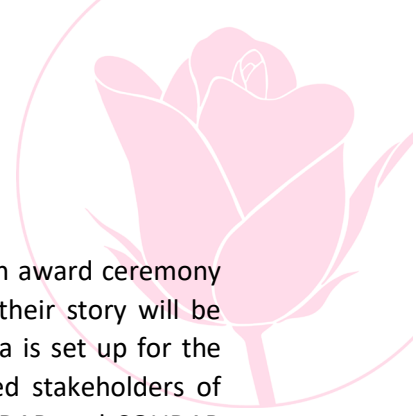
The Jury will have the role to read through the nominations received and select the winner. The Jury is composed of 1 representative from SOLIDAR Board, 3 Members of the European Parliament, 1 members of the Party of European Socialists, 1 representative of FEPS, and 1 representative of the trade union movement, assisted by SOLIDAR Secretary General and Secretariat.

Selection process

Through an open nomination process, we are looking for stories of activists, organisations, movements or groups of citizens who successfully mobilised for climate justice and just transition at local, national, European and international levels.

The awardee will be selected by the Jury based on:

- The impact of Nominee's work, engagement and cooperation with others, in their respective communities, political and public life in relation to the characteristics listed above.
- Nominator's compelling and thorough justification of the nominee and their work.
- Nominee is coming from, and active in the Global South.



Prize and award ceremony

The awardee will be invited, with travel and accommodation costs covered, to an award ceremony during fall 2023 on the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels, and their story will be published on SOLIDAR's website and social media channels. A tailor-made agenda is set up for the awardee to ensure work visibility and liaison with EU actors and Brussels-based stakeholders of interest to their endeavors. Their work is also featured and promoted by SOLIDAR and SOLIDAR Foundation in their digital networks and by its partners S&D Group, PES, FEPS, EURACTIV etc.

Timeline

- End of April – end of May 2023: nomination period
- June 2023: Selection
- September 2023: Announcement of the awardees
- October 2023: Award ceremony in Brussels
- Following months: Dissemination

Contacts

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[Nominate here](#)

Previous winners

Former winners of the SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards include Juan Somavia (2005), the former General Director of the International Labor Organization, the Sudan Organisation Against Torture (2006), Aminatou Haidar (2007), Western Sahara human rights defender, Plataforma de Mujeres Aristas contra la Violencia de Genero (2007), Spanish group of musicians, the Columbian Trade Union Federations (2010), Gunter Wallraff (2015), German author and undercover journalist, and many more. 2022 winners were Lee Cheuk-yan and Women Political Leaders Initiative 4 Peace.