

Margaretha Lupac Democracy Award 2026

- Call for Submissions

The Austrian Parliament's non-profit Foundation invites submissions by persons or institutions for the Democracy Award 2026. The Democracy Award honours outstanding achievements that have a lasting impact in promoting the idea of democracy and parliamentarianism in Austria.

This may, for instance, take the form of

- ◆ the work's contribution to an in-depth understanding of the foundations, the functioning and the basic values of the Austrian republic/democracy,
- ◆ its underlining of the importance of the principle of tolerance in the discourse on issues of politics, arts and social developments,
- ◆ its reference to the European and/or international dimension of the respective issue,
- ◆ its dealing with the potentials and strengths but also the challenges and reforms of parliamentary democracy and its institutions in Austria,
- ◆ the impetus it gives for a broader public discussion of these topics.

Candidates eligible for the award have dedicated their work to the promotion of dialogue in the political discourse, the arts and society. Both self-nominations and third-party nominations of individuals and/or institutions/organisations are possible.

The Award amounts to a total of € 27,000.-, which may be split between a maximum of two submissions. For more detailed information and for the conditions of participation, please refer to the submission guidelines which are an integral part of this call for submissions.

Applications can be submitted electronically or by postal mail

between 15 January and (including) 15 June 2026

(postmark/date of e-mail) to the

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For detailed information on the Call for Submissions and for the application form please refer to www.lupacstiftung.at.