Prix Julie Evain

Aligner la finance avec la transition écologique

Call for entries – Julie Evain Prize

Aligning finance with the ecological transition

In the spirit of Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement

Publication of the call	Monday 22 June 2026
Application deadline	Monday 5 October 2026 (23:59, Paris time)
Award ceremony	Paris Climate & Nature Week 2027 (Sciences Po, Paris) – date to be confirmed

1) About the Prize

The Julie Evain Prize recognises one or more individuals, either individually or as part of a team, with a particular focus on young researchers and young professionals.

It recognises work that is accessible to the public and contributes to aligning financial flows with climate and environmental objectives, in the spirit of Article 2.1(c) of the Paris Agreement, and that informs public decision-making, particularly with regard to European public policy.

The Prize is positioned as a public-interest award: it prioritises open work that can be directly used by decision-makers (public authorities, financial supervisors, international institutions) and is assessed on its potential for dissemination, uptake and operational implementation.

Finally, the Prize aims to act as a springboard: it recognises not only a completed piece of work, but also a trajectory and an ambition. It is designed to provide concrete support, tailored to the needs expressed by the candidates, to help them take a step forward in the dissemination, uptake and use of their work.

2) Who can apply?

Applications are open to people of any nationality, provided that the application is submitted in French or English.

Individual or team applications. Applications may be submitted individually or as part of a team. A team may comprise up to five (5) members and must consist exclusively of natural persons. Legal entities (institutions, companies, associations, educational establishments, public authorities, etc.) are not eligible to apply.

Age requirement. Applications are admissible if the applicant is aged 40 or under on the closing date for applications (5 October 2026). In the case of a team application, the age requirement must be met by the majority of members (strictly more than 50 per cent).

3) Eligible work

Submitted work must:

- fall within an explicit finance–ecological transition theme (e.g. sustainable finance, prudential frameworks/supervision, finance–climate alignment, alignment strategies, data/reporting, tools and methodologies, related public policies);
- be relevant to European public policy;
- be accessible to the public (open access) by the closing date at the latest, or be subject to a commitment to be made publicly available before the final deliberation.

Possible formats include but are not limited to: academic publications (including theses, articles published or submitted to scientific journals, working papers, scientific reports), professional analyses / grey literature (public policy briefs, reports from think tanks, NGOs, companies or public authorities), and educational initiatives (courses, modules, open educational resources).

4) Categories (indicative)

As a guide, applications may fall into one of the following three categories: academic, professional or educational.

The Jury will determine, based on the quality of the applications, the number of winners and their possible distribution across categories, up to a maximum of three winners (individuals or teams).

5) Assessment criteria

The Jury's assessment grid is indicative. It is based in particular on the following criteria:

- relevance to public decision-making, particularly regarding European public policies on financing the transition;
- finance–transition coherence (ambition, realism, alignment with objectives);
- quality and rigour (methodology, sources, transparency of assumptions and data);
- originality of the approach and leverage potential;
- feasibility, capacity for implementation and, where applicable, replicability;
- accessibility, clarity and potential for dissemination and uptake of the work.

The Jury will also take into account the coherence of the applicant's track record and proposed roadmap: the ability to sustain the work over time, the clarity of objectives, and the alignment between the needs identified and the type of support offered by the Prize.

6) A springboard prize, to "take the next step"

The Prize offers bespoke support, tailored to the needs set out in the application:

- mentoring (ongoing and ad hoc);
- targeted networking opportunities (with public authorities, financial supervisors, institutions and key stakeholders);
- support for dissemination (presentations, short formats, outreach, speaking opportunities);
- depending on the partnerships established, in-kind contributions (documentary resources / databases / tools).

A financial award may be granted, subject to available resources.

7) Application procedures and online form

Applications must be submitted via an online form by 23:59 (Paris time) on Monday 5 October 2026 at the latest.

The form requires, in particular:

- a summary of the submitted work, written for a general audience;
- a brief description of its relevance to public debate or public policy in Europe;
- a policy brief of no more than two pages, in PDF format, written in a style accessible to public decision-makers and highlighting the practical applicability and relevance of the findings;
- a summary of the methodological approach and the main data or sources used;
- details of the current dissemination of the work and the proposed dissemination plan;
- a description of the expected springboard effect, including identified needs and an indicative 6- to 12-month roadmap;
- a CV in PDF format.

Applicants must also confirm their eligibility and accept the Prize rules when submitting their application. The details required for each section are set out directly in the form.

8) Selection process – summary

Once the application deadline has passed, the Prize secretariat will carry out an initial check to ensure that the applications received are eligible and complete, in accordance with the conditions set out in the Prize rules. Applications that are incomplete or do not meet the eligibility criteria may not be submitted to the Jury.

In the event of a high volume of applications, a pre-selection phase may be organised to identify the applications most relevant to the Prize's objectives and selection criteria.

Selected applications are then forwarded to an independent Jury, which is responsible for assessing the submissions and deliberating to select the winner(s). The Jury bases its assessment on the criteria set out in the Prize rules.

9) Contacts and resources

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