

Regulation on
THE BALTS' AWARD

bestowed
by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania (hereinafter – the Parties),

implementing the decision of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania on the establishment of the Balts' Award, announced on the Balts' Unity Day, 22 September 2017,

facilitating further development of the bilateral relations between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania,

emphasising the importance of the knowledge and use of the Latvian and Lithuanian languages for enhanced cooperation between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania,

aiming at the promotion of high quality research on, inter alia, Latvian and Lithuanian tangible and intangible cultural and historic heritage,

stressing the significance of promoting translations from the Latvian language into the Lithuanian language and vice versa of various literary types and genres, including, but not limited to, fiction and non-fiction, namely, texts on science, art, history, sociology, biography,

acknowledging the importance of the contributions made by linguists, language teachers and professors at schools and universities to the promotion of the Latvian language in Lithuania and the Lithuanian language in Latvia,

advancing further development of investigative journalism on Latvian and Lithuanian history, culture and tourism,

keeping open the possibility of broadening the scope of the Balts' Award in the future,

agree on the following:

1. Main principles of the Balts' Award (hereinafter – the Award).
 - 1.1. The goal of the Award is to recognise the excellence and achievements related to individual contribution to and accomplishment in the promotion of:
 - 1.1.1. Latvian-Lithuanian and Lithuanian-Latvian translations;
 - 1.1.2. teaching and enhancing the use of the Latvian language in Lithuania and the Lithuanian language in Latvia;
 - 1.1.3. research on the Latvian and Lithuanian tangible and intangible cultural and historic heritage;
 - 1.1.4. investigative journalism on Latvian and Lithuanian history, culture and tourism.

1.2. The Award shall be given annually. The Award is presented on the basis of the Jury's decision.

1.3. The amount of the annual Award fund is 5 000 (five thousand) EUR, including taxes. The Award fund consists of equal contributions by the Parties of 2 500 (two thousand five hundred) EUR each.

2. Nominations for the Award.

2.1. The Parties simultaneously announce the call for nomination applications on their Internet websites.

2.2. A translation, a piece of research, a journalist, a language teacher or a professor can be nominated for the Award by any natural or legal person of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania. Natural and legal persons of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania submit their nomination applications to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania respectively.

2.3. The nomination applications shall be submitted by post, electronic mail or in person. The application shall consist of:

2.3.1. the application form (Appendix 1),

2.3.2. Curriculum Vitae of the nominee.

3. Composition and work of the Jury.

3.1. The Jury consists of ten members. Each Party nominates four members representing the nomination categories, as well as co-chairs of the Jury.

3.2. The Chairmanship of the Jury alternates each year between the Parties, starting with the Chairmanship of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of Latvia in 2018. The Chairman of the Jury is Ambassador of the country holding the Chairmanship.

3.3. The Chairman of the Jury decides on the date on which nominations should be submitted and the deadline for receiving nominations.

3.4. The Jury independently evaluates the contributions, as well as the overall criteria and quality of nominees and the nominated works.

3.5. In its work, the Jury may consult other experts.

3.6. The Jury takes its decision in a closed ballot. Each member of the Jury has one vote, whereas the Chairman of the Jury has two votes. After the voting, the Minutes of the Jury meeting are prepared by the Secretaries of the Jury and signed by the Chairman.

3.6.1. Secretaries of the Jury are nominated by the Parties, but are not members of the Jury.

3.7. After taking the decision, the Jury announces it to the winner. The Party holding the Jury Chairmanship organises the Award presentation ceremony.

3.8. In exceptional cases, the Jury has a right to decide not to present the Award.

3.9. Where appropriate, the Jury may elaborate more detailed rules, which should be in line with the current Regulation.

4. Amendments.

4.1. This Regulation may be amended by mutual written agreement between the Parties. Such amendments shall become an integral part of this Regulation and shall enter into force on a date mutually agreed by the Parties.

5. Final provisions.

5.1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of signature.

5.2. This Regulation shall remain in force for an unlimited period of time. Either Party may terminate this Regulation at any time by giving a written notice to the other Party at least 3 (three) months before the end of any calendar year. In such a case, the Regulation shall be terminated on the first day of January of the next calendar year following the year of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Regulation.

Done in Trakai on 11 January 2018 in two originals in the English language.

Edgars Rinkēvičs
for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Latvia

Linas Linkevičius
for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Lithuania

Appendix 1

*Application form to nominate a candidate for
the Balts' Award by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia and
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania*

Information about the Nominee

Name, surname (in case of a legal body – name of the organisation, name and surname of the contact person), contact details (address, telephone number, e-mail address)

Information about the contribution of the Nominee (short description)

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Information about the work of the Nominee being considered for the Award

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Information about the Submitter

(Name, surname (in case of a legal body – name of the organisation, name and surname of the contact person), contact details (address, telephone number, e-mail address)

Signature (Stamp)

Date