GIORDANO DELL’AMORE MICROFINANCE GOOD PRACTICES EUROPE AWARD
By Fondazione Giordano Dell’Amore & European Microfinance Network


COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Giordano Dell’Amore Microfinance Good Practices Europe Award, promoted by Fondazione Giordano Dell’Amore and the European Microfinance Network (EMN), aims to increase the understanding of the importance of microfinance as a tool to fight poverty and social exclusion in Europe, to encourage European microfinance practitioners to share good and transferable practices in the field of microfinance and to promote and spread these good practices to other microfinance agencies in Europe.

The Award is open to any European institution or organisation directly or indirectly involved, for at least 12 months prior to the date of application, in the financial inclusion of people excluded from mainstream financial services or with a limited access to them in the European Union¹ or EFTA² countries.

In accordance with the 2015 EMN Annual Conference theme (Microfinance and banks: are we the right partners?), the Giordano Dell’Amore Microfinance Good Practices Europe Award 2014-2015 will focus on the following topic: “Partnerships between microfinance and the mainstream financial sector to reach the underserved”.

Applicants are required to complete the Application Form (First, Second and Third Section) in English and send it in digital format by email to award@fgda.org by February 1st, 2015 at 12.00 am (midnight). The date and time considered will be those of receipt by the Award Secretariat that will send a confirmation of receipt.

The Selection Committee will select the three best experiences to be included in a Short-List (finalists) by March 13th, 2015 and their names will be posted on Fondazione Giordano Dell'Amore and EMN websites (www.fgda.org and www.european-microfinance.org).

The winner will be chosen by the Award Committee and announced during the Award Ceremony taking place during the 12th European Microfinance Network Annual Conference scheduled for the 18th and 19th of June 2015, in Dublin.

The Award winner will receive 50,000 euros. These funds must be reinvested for the implementation of new projects or towards the core costs of existing services.

Terms & Condition Application Form (world)

For further information: award@fgda.org

¹. Members States of the EU (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom);
². Candidate countries (Albania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey);
Potential candidates (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo).

1. EFTA countries: Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.