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Grant opportunity to attend the 2019 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy in Taichung, Taiwan

Rules and procedure

The Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy is the largest event worldwide gathering experts, activists and officials working on issues of direct democracy and citizen participation. This year's Global Forum will take place in Taichung, Taiwan and will focus on the question "How can we move from people power movements to institutions of direct democracy?"

The Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy will take place from 2 until 5 October 2019 in Taichung, Taiwan. It will be proceeded by a pre-forum briefing tour on direct democracy in Taiwan – Taiwan Democracy Train – which will take place from 30 September until 2 October 2019 in various locations throughout Taiwan.

We are offering an opportunity to win a grant to participate at the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy and the pre-forum briefing tour on direct democracy in Taiwan – Taiwan Democracy Train. Democracy International will sponsor grants for:

- 15 participants from South and East Asia (full list of countries below) up until 300 euros
- 5 participants from the rest of the world up until 1000 euros

We are especially looking to hear from young activists and researchers in the field of direct democracy. We are also very interested to hear from artists working on topics of democracy, with specific projects for the Global Forum. One grant will be reserved for an artist, who should present a project concept in their motivation video.

Participation at the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy and the pre-forum briefing tour on direct democracy in Taiwan – Taiwan Democracy Train is free of charge. Lunch will be provided for participants at both occasions, as will transport from Taipei to Taichung on Monday 30 September and from Taichung to Taipei on 5 October.

How to take part

- Send us a video, not exceeding 1 minute in time, detailing your work on direct democracy and what participation at the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy would mean to you. Your video can be shot with a phone or camera, edited or simple speech: there are no form requirements. In your email, mention your full name, your date of birth and write a short statement, no longer than 100 words, on what direct democracy means to you. Submissions should be in English and sent to contact@democracy-international.org with the subject line "Taichung Grant".



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- All submissions will be published on our website (www.democracy-international.org/Taichung-Grant-competition) on 1 August 2019. Submissions that arrive after this deadline will be published within two working days.
- It will be possible to vote on videos until 21 August at noon CEST.
- The submissions with the most votes (20 from South and East Asia and 10 from elsewhere) will be invited for a video interview with the jury, which will take place on 26 or 27 August.
- The jury will choose the final 20 grantees (15 grantees from South and East Asia and 5 from the rest of the world). The names of the grantees will be announced on 1 September.
- Any sign of foul play or vote manipulation (including through paid promotion) will lead to immediate disqualification.

Criteria of eligibility

In order to participate in the competition, contestants must be:

- Between 20 and 35 years old on 1 October 2019.
- Be available to attend the entire 2019 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy and the pre-forum Briefing Tour – Taiwan Democracy Train: i.e. from 30 September 2019 until 5 October 2019.
- Demonstrate an interest in Direct Democracy and Citizen Participation.
- Finalist should be available for a video call with our jury determining the final grantees on 26 or 27 August 2019.
- People who work for Democracy International or one of its council member organisations will be excluded from taking part in the competition.

Conditions for grantees

In order to receive the grant, the final grantees will need to register for and attend [the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy](#) and the [pre-forum briefing tour - Taiwan Democracy Train](#). Grantees should provide proof of booking by 15 September 2019.

Grantees are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements and will only be reimbursed up until the amount corresponding to their region of residence if and when they have completed a reimbursement form, with original receipts and boarding passes attached. A [practical guide regarding travel arrangements](#) for the Global Forum can be found here. Please be advised that the programme will take place in different cities. Grantees are therefore urged to read this information carefully.



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With the grant, travel costs to and from the airport, flights and accommodation in Taichung from 30 September until 5 October can be reimbursed. For flights, we will only reimburse economy class tickets to and from Taipei, Taiwan. The amount of the grant will not exceed what is specified above, grantees are expected cover possible surplus costs themselves.

Grants will only be paid out after the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy. Please be aware that the processing time of reimbursements can take up to several weeks.

The organisers of the competition retain the right to refuse submissions that are disingenuous, in disregard of German law or do not adhere to common standards of respect for Human Rights.

Regions

The grants take into account differences in prices for travel to and from Taiwan. Therefore we will offer grants up to 300 euros for participants coming from Taiwan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam; and up to 1000 euros for participants coming from elsewhere.

Questions and information

All requests for additional information can be directed at contact@democracy-international.org, +49 (0) 221 669 66 50