



OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

# Max van der Stoel Award

For extraordinary and outstanding achievements in improving the position of national minorities in the OSCE participating States.



## What is the Max van der Stoel Award?

The Max van der Stoel Award, a prize of €50,000, is presented every two years to a person, group or institution for extraordinary and outstanding achievements in improving the position of national minorities in the OSCE participating States. Established in 2001 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the Award honours Max van der Stoel, who was the first OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM).

## Who was Max van der Stoel?

Max van der Stoel (3 August 1924 – 23 April 2011) was a Dutch statesman who had a long and distinguished career. He was appointed as the first OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in 1992 and served eight and a half years in the post. He was twice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, and held seats in both the upper and lower houses of the Dutch Parliament. He served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations and was awarded the honorary title of Minister of State by the then Queen Beatrix.

## How is the winner selected?

The office of the HCNM manages the selection process. After drawing up a shortlist of candidates, a specially composed international jury, chaired by the High Commissioner, chooses the winner. Eligible candidates include international organizations, non-governmental organizations, research institutes, government bodies or individuals.

## NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

**Deadline: 30 April 2020**

Only OSCE missions and institutions, delegations of the OSCE participating States and the HCNM may nominate candidates directly. Others can propose an eligible candidate by contacting their local OSCE mission or delegation to the OSCE: they will decide whether to nominate the proposed candidate.

Please include the name of the candidate, relevant contact information, and the reason for your nomination (100–200 words).

### OSCE missions, institutions and delegations

Send your nominations using the online form [here](#); by email to: [mvds@hcnm.org](mailto:mvds@hcnm.org); or write to: Max van der Stoel Award, Prinsessegracht 22, 2514 AP The Hague, the Netherlands

### Not an OSCE mission, institution or delegation?

Contact your local OSCE mission or delegation to the OSCE with your suggestion so they can decide whether to nominate your submission.

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## 2020 Max van der Stoel Award

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands will present the prize at a special ceremony in The Hague in November.

## Who are the laureates?

- 2003 The Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies
- 2005 The “Memorial” International Historical Enlightenment, Human Rights and Humanitarian Society
- 2007 The European Roma Rights Centre
- 2009 The Integration and Development Centre for Information and Research
- 2011 The Nansen Dialogue Centre, Skopje
- 2014 Spravedlivost
- 2016 The Association for Historical Dialogue and Research
- 2018 High school students from Jajce, Bosnia and Herzegovina



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