



## Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe High Commissioner on National Minorities

# Max van der Stoel Award

The Max van der Stoel Award recognizes extraordinary and outstanding achievements in improving the position of national minorities in the OSCE participating States.

### What is it?

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 for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the Award honours Max van der Stoel, a prominent Dutch statesman who was the first OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, while also highlighting issues related to national minorities.

### Who is eligible?

Eligible candidates include international organizations, non-governmental organizations, research institutes, government bodies or individuals with a record of excellence in the field of improving the position of national minorities in the OSCE area.

### How is the winner selected?

The office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities manages the selection process. Nominations can only be made by or through the delegations of the OSCE participating States, OSCE missions and institutions, including the High Commissioner on National Minorities. A special jury composed of distinguished experts of international repute and chaired by the High Commissioner chooses the winner.

### Who are the past winners?

- 2016 The Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR), Cyprus
- 2014 Spravedlivost, Kyrgyzstan
- 2011 Nansen Dialogue Centre Skopje
- 2009 Integration and Development Center for Information and Research, Ukraine
- 2007 European Roma Rights Centre, Hungary
- 2005 Memorial Historical, Educational, Human Rights and Charitable Society, Russian Federation
- 2003 Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies

### 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, held seats in both the upper and lower houses of the Dutch Parliament, and was a member of a number of important organizations and institutions. He served as Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations and was awarded the honorary title of Minister of State by Princess Beatrix, then the Queen of the Netherlands, for his exceptional achievements.

### Max van der Stoel Award 2018

The Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs will present the prize at a special ceremony in The Hague in November 2018. The deadline for nominations is 1 May 2018.

### More information

Max van der Stoel Award: [osce.org/hcnm/mvdsaward](http://osce.org/hcnm/mvdsaward)  
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## Make a nomination

Deadline: 1 May 2018

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

### OSCE missions, institutions and delegations

- Send your nomination using the online form: [maxvanderstoelaward.com](http://maxvanderstoelaward.com);
- Nominate via email: [mvds@hcnm.org](mailto:mvds@hcnm.org);
- Write to: Max van der Stoel Award, Prinsessegracht 22, 2514 AP The Hague, The Netherlands.

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

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

Propose your candidate to

- Your local OSCE mission: [osce.org/contacts/70263](http://osce.org/contacts/70263)
- The delegation of your country to the OSCE: [osce.org/contacts/delegations](http://osce.org/contacts/delegations)
- One of the OSCE institutions (ODIHR, RFOM, HCNM or OSCE Secretariat): [osce.org/institutions-and-structures](http://osce.org/institutions-and-structures)

They can decide whether to nominate your submission.