



## Introducing the Inaugural Freising Dialogue Award 2026

The Freising Dialogue Award, newly established by the City of Freising, the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising, and Renovabis, recognises outstanding individuals, initiatives, and organisations dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and reconciliation between Eastern and Western Europe. The inaugural award ceremony will take place on 16 September 2026 in Freising.

This award highlights efforts that unite people—crossing boundaries of culture, generation, faith, social group, and nation. It is designed for individuals and projects that not only advocate for dialogue, but also actively pursue it with courage, consistency, and authenticity.

### Who would we like to honour?

The award recognises individuals, organisations and initiatives that promote dialogue and understanding within Europe's diverse community. The following types of contribution are especially deserving of recognition:

- **Intercultural encounters:** This award celebrates individuals, organisations and initiatives that, through everyday interactions among people of different cultural and social backgrounds, help to break down barriers, encourage mutual understanding, and promote a spirit of respectful living together.
- **Community engagement:** It honours individuals, organisations and initiatives that foster and promote cooperation throughout Europe to support social development and promote social justice.
- **Exchange and reconciliation:** The award promotes the exchange of spiritual and historical experiences, particularly regarding the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the engagement with the communist legacy, a violent past and the processes of social transformation.
- **Theological and interreligious dialogue:** The award recognises dialogue between different religious and denominational traditions and with the secular world, aiming to deepen understanding of respective values and beliefs and to foster interdenominational and interreligious understanding.

We welcome both applications from interested candidates and recommendations from third parties.

### Eligibility to apply:

Particular consideration will be given to individuals, organisations or initiatives that either originate from the following countries or have shown commitment and engagement in these countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

**Award Amount:**

The total value for this award is **10,000 Euro**.

**Application Deadline:**

Submissions are accepted until **14 June 2026**.

**Submission:**

Applications or nominations may be submitted in **German or English**.

[Here](#) you will find information about the award and the submission form.

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