

CALL FOR PROJECTS 2023

The Public Eye Investigation Award

Since 1968, Public Eye¹ has been fighting injustice originating in Switzerland. There have been numerous cases ranging from toxic fuels sold in West Africa, to dodgy drug trials in Egypt, to corruption in Congo's oil sector. We unveil the illegitimate and illegal practices of Swiss companies and their disastrous consequences for the people in those countries.

Following the successful first editions of the Investigation Award, launched on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, Public Eye will be awarding CHF 20,000 to support two investigative projects led by journalists or NGO researchers in regions of the world where people's and environmental rights are being violated by irresponsible companies. This is in recognition of the fact that the work of journalists, NGOs and researchers is essential to denounce these injustices.

Terms and conditions

The investigation must have a direct link with the activities of Swiss companies and/or Swiss politics. It must shed new light on abusive practices in an economically disadvantaged country – whether relating to human rights violations, environmental damage, corruption or illegitimate financial activities– and it must be exclusive and as yet unpublished. The report will be published by Public Eye, but it may also appear in other publications (to be agreed with Public Eye).

Submission of projects

The project is expected to contain a short overview of the project (one A4 page or 400 words maximum) and a brief introduction of the persons conducting the investigation. A draft research plan and a cost estimate must also be provided, as these will also help the jury panel to assess the feasibility of the project and ensure regular reporting on the progress of the investigation. Any other grant already awarded to the project must be mentioned. Detailed rules on submission of projects can be found [here](#).

The jury (selection panel)

The jury tasked with selecting the shortlisted project(s) is composed of four external experts and four Public Eye staff.

Criteria for participation

Participation is open to journalists and staff at NGOs or other institutions who are investigating in developing or emerging countries.

The projects are to be submitted by **924 March 2023 at the following address:**
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¹ The "Berne Declaration" was renamed "Public Eye" in 2016.



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