

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.

On the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, Public Eye will be awarding **CHF 20,000** to support up to two investigative projects led by journalists or NGO researchers in countries where people’s rights are being violated by irresponsible companies. This is in recognition of the fact that their critical eye is essential to denounce these injustices which are perpetrated on the other side of the world.

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 a developing or emerging country** –whether relating to human rights violations, environmental damage, corruption or illegitimate financial activities– and it must be unpublished. The report will be published by Public Eye, and may also be disseminated via other communication channels (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 investigative plan and a costs estimate must also be provided, as these will also help the jury panel to assess the feasibility of the project. 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 three Public Eye staff and four external experts.

Criteria for participation

Participation is open to journalists and NGO staff who are investigating in developing or emerging countries.

The deadline to submit projects is 31 January 2018. The names of the shortlisted projects will be notified on the 23rd of February 2018 the latest.

If you have any questions, please send us an email at oliver.classen@publiceye.ch or call us on +41.44.277.79.06.

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¹ The “Berne Declaration” was renamed “Public Eye” in 2016.