

Innsbruck, 20.01.2025

**Emperor-Maximilian-Prize 2026
young-european-united**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In a time when Europe faces numerous challenges – from political crises to societal changes, as well as the pressing issues of climate change and digitalization – a strong European unity is more important than ever. The Emperor-Maximilian-Prize of the City of Innsbruck aims to raise awareness of the significance of a united Europe and to promote the active participation of particularly young people in societal processes.

The Emperor-Maximilian-Prize 2026 is therefore specifically directed at projects and initiatives that serve as examples for young people to actively shape their own future. The involvement of youth is crucial for a sustainable and viable Europe in the future.

The prize offers the opportunity to highlight and honor projects from all areas of life that actively practice European unity through their actions and efforts. Pioneering projects are sought that stand for a lively Europe beyond the municipal and/or regional level. These will be awarded and supported with a designated prize money of €10,000, while also providing incentives for further concepts.

Applications can be submitted from January 22, 2025, to March 27, 2025, using the application form in English at www.emperormaximilianprize.at.

An expert jury, composed of representatives from the City of Innsbruck, the youth council of the City of Innsbruck, the University of Innsbruck, the European Committee of the Regions, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions and the Assembly of European Regions, will determine a winning project from all submitted entries in May 2025.

Further information about the Emperor-Maximilian-Prize 2026 can also be found in the attached announcement text and on the website.

To reach as many suitable initiatives and projects as possible, I kindly ask for your support and request that you pass on the announcement for the Emperor-

Maximilian-Prize 2026 to any interested applicants you may know.

We hope for numerous exciting submissions and look forward to awarding and presenting the winning project in Innsbruck in spring 2026.

Thank you very much for supporting this request!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Anzengruber', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Johannes Anzengruber
Mayor