Seville, the 4th of March 2022

Dear Mr./Ms.,

The history of the peoples of the Mediterranean, bathed by the shores of this *Mare Nostrum*, has undeniably been forged looking towards this Sea and, therefore, the identities of their peoples, unequal in appearance but converging in essence. The Mediterranean, an intercontinental scenario, is a natural treasure, a source of resources, a meeting point and, above all, an indispensable element for understanding the past, present and future of the civilisations which, over the centuries, have left their mark on the countries bordering its shores.

In Andalusia we have always been proud of our natural exposure – in geographical, historical, cultural and social terms – to the Mediterranean and its dynamics, accurately reflected in our symbols. For this reason, we understand that cooperation in the Mediterranean deserves a privileged position, especially in times when challenges are more global than ever and, as such, can only be tackled through coordinated actions.

In this context, the Junta of Andalucía, (the Regional Government of Andalusia, Spain), through the Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation, has the honour to present the call for the 1st Edition of the Mediterranean Awards, under the auspices of the Inter-Mediterranean Commission of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions.

The aim of these Awards, which are born with the firm intention of lasting over time, is to serve as a tool to disseminate and publicly recognise the best practices in the fields included in the New Agenda for the Mediterranean approved in 2021. To this end, two categories of Awards have been created; on the one hand, one of institutional character, aimed at institutions, companies or other organisations, as well as persons, which encompasses the following modalities: Mediterranean Digital Award; Mediterranean Green Award; Mediterranean Women’s Award; Mediterranean Solidarity Award and Mediterranean Identity Award and, on the other hand, the category of ad personam Awards which includes the Mediterranean of the Year Award. The Awards also represent an important dissemination platform for the persons and/or institutions, companies or other organisations that win the prizes, as they will obtain a significant projection throughout the Mediterranean basin.
Thus, in order to increase the scope of these Awards, I am writing to invite you to actively contribute to the dissemination of this call through your own channels, encouraging the participation of all those persons and institutions you deem appropriate to submit candidatures for the different modalities of the Mediterranean Awards.

More information on the call of the Mediterranean Awards and the instructions for submitting candidatures, which deadline will remain open until the 30th of April 2022, can be found on the Awards' website: www.premiosdelmediterraneo.org.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation at the following e-mail address: premiosmed@tresculturas.org

Hoping that this initiative will be of interest to you and thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I send you my best regards.

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