

## *IAI Prize- 2018 Edition*

# *Young Talents for Italy, Europe and the World*

## *You and Europe: a love/hate relationship*

### **Essay Competition Announcement and Rules**

The Istituto Affari Internazionali announces the first edition of the “IAI Prize”.

The topic selected for this edition of the essay competition is ***“What does Europe mean to you and how would you improve it?”***.

Public opinion widely considers the EU the most successful peace project of our time, a source of prosperity and economic opportunity and the best chance Europeans have to play a role on a global stage dominated by major powers. Yet, in recent years the EU has been increasingly perceived more in terms of its most binding and at times even rigid and incomprehensible aspects as a costly and austere bureaucracy detached from its citizens, or as the veil behind which “the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must” (Thucydides’ “History of the Peloponnesian War”)

Taking these considerations as a premise, what does the European Union mean to you in your everyday life as well as when you look into the future – both your own and that of your country? Above all, how would you like to see the Union change into a Europe of which you can be a proud and active citizen?

### **Who can participate**

The competition is open to students of all Italian universities and universities located on Italian territory, and those who graduated not more than a year ago, with birthdates from 1993 onward.

### **How to participate**

By submitting an unpublished essay on the chosen topic. The essay must be between 1200 and 2000 words, excluding notes and bibliography. It must be submitted in both Word and PDF formats, and may contain images and/or graphics. The author’s name must not appear on the essay.

An updated resumé and education outline should be attached to the file, including complete personal data and contact details.

A 30-second video clip addressing the competition’s question is welcome (*see: instructions\**).

Languages accepted: Italian and English.

Essays must be submitted [premio@iai.it](mailto:premio@iai.it) **no later than 12:00 midnight of 8 July 2018.**

### **Selection of winners**

A short-list of six will be selected by the jury of IR experts, whose decision will be final.

The finalists will be notified in writing and their names published on the Institute's website and various social media platforms. The finalists will have to produce evidence of having the previously indicated requirements (see § "Who can participate").

### **The prize**

The top three essays selected by the jury from the six short-listed will be published in one of IAI's publication series. The authors will be invited to discuss their work with prominent figures during a public event organized by the Institute in autumn.

The author of the first prize essay will be given the opportunity to undertake a 3-month paid internship at the Institute.

All the finalists, including the winners, will be able to publish an extract of their essays (900 words, in Italian) in the Institute's online magazine *AffarInternazionali*.

### **Release**

By participating in this competition, all authors authorize the total or partial publication of their essays and their citation in the Institute's various publications, and give their consent to be photographed or filmed during award events organized by IAI.

Participation in the essay competition implies acceptance of these rules, and anything not expressly established by the rules will be subject to the jury's final decision.

#### *\*Video-clip instructions:*

A 30-second amateur video-clip can be shot using a smartphone or tablet (video quality will not be a criterion in judging the essay).

The video must:

- address the competition question (What does Europe mean to you and how would you improve it?) and, preferably, begin with "For me, Europe is..."
- be shot in a setting that somehow recalls the essay theme (e.g. nature reserve, archaeological site, office, university campus, urban project and the like).