



## **EuroISME's Manfred Rosenberger Prize for the best MA thesis on military ethics – Fact sheet**

### **Aim**

The aim of the prize is to promote the involvement in the study and application of military ethics, and humanitarian law in order to strengthen the most fundamental principles when they are needed most: during armed conflict. Moreover, the aim of the prize is to promote a dialogue on key European values, and, through that dialogue, to promote international understanding. Submissions can be made in French, German and English. EuroISME aims to publish the winning theses.

### **Target groups**

The target groups consist of: 1) cadets, midshipmen and military officers studying at a European military academy; and 2) civilian students studying at a European civilian university or a European higher education institution. The assumption is that the members of this target will soon be in a position where they can improve the respect for military ethics and international humanitarian law.



*The prize ceremony of 2024, in Tallinn, Estonia*

## The theses

Only theses at the level of an Academic Master (Masters of Arts) are eligible. A thesis shall have a minimum of 12000 words and a maximum of 20000 words. It is possible to submit in English, French and German. Submissions must have been concluded either in the current academic year or during one of the two previous academic years. A submitted thesis should have received a minimum of a B+ that is to say “very good” from the ethics professor who supervised the author.

## The jury

The jury consists of seven European experts from different countries:

- MMag Stefan Gugerel (interim chairman, Austria)
- Brigadier General (ret.) Benoît Royal (France)
- Senior Chaplain Lt.Col. Dr. Janne Aalto (Finland)
- Dr. Veronika Bock (Germany)
- Lt.Col. Dr. Patrick Hofstetter (Switzerland)
- Dr. Asta Maskaliūnaitė (Estonia)
- Maj.Gen. (res) Dr. Juan Moliner Gonzalez (Spain)
- Prof. Dr. Pieter Vos (The Netherlands)
- Mrs. Monique van der Wal (The Netherlands, Secretary)



A few of the winning theses.

## Subject-matter

A submission on any topic concerning military ethics will be eligible. The winning theses of previous years may serve as examples. They can be found at

<https://www.euroisme.eu/index.php/en/euroisme-prize/previous-winners-thesi-prize-military-ethics>.

## Submissions

Submissions shall not be made by the authors, but on their behalf by the ethics professors/tutors of the military academies or civilian universities who have tutored them.

Submissions shall be sent to [secretariat.ethicsprize@euroisme.eu](mailto:secretariat.ethicsprize@euroisme.eu). The deadline for submissions is always 30th November of the year before the year concerned. Thus, concerning the prize for the year 2026, the deadline is 30th November 2025; concerning the year 2027, it is 30th November 2026, etc.

## The prize

The prize consists of:

1. the opportunity to present the thesis orally at EuroISME's annual conference;
2. the travel and hotel costs to attend the conference mentioned;
3. the opportunity to publish on our website and, in the case of the 1st prize, to have it translated into English if necessary;
4. the winner and his/her military academy or university will each receive a plaque;
5. in exceptional cases, the jury will also award a second prize.



## Regulations

The regulations can be found at <https://www.euroisme.eu/index.php/en/euroisme-prize/jury-regulations>.

## Enquiries

At [www.euroisme.eu/euroisme-prize-best-thesis-military-ethics](http://www.euroisme.eu/euroisme-prize-best-thesis-military-ethics) we will publish updates. For enquiries contact the Secretariat of the jury at [secretariat.ethicsprize@euroisme.eu](mailto:secretariat.ethicsprize@euroisme.eu).