



The European Museum of the Year Awards

NOMINEES

EMYA 2024



MUSEUMS IN PURSUIT OF SOCIAL IMPACT

At last year's EMYA2023 Awards, my predecessor as chair of the European Museum Forum, Jette Sandahl, summarised the development of the awards as a vehicle for the recognition of commitment to citizenship, democracy and human rights, sustainability and bridging cultures and social and political borders. The work done by Sandahl enables me now to devote these paragraphs to a reflection on the past, present, and future of the Awards and those museums in the running for this year's awards.

Kenneth Hudson devised these Awards in the mainly optimistic days of the late 1970s, when an ever-widening rolling out of the welfare state was still anticipated, alongside a growing role for culture within citizens' rights. The Awards were founded on the principles of supporting, encouraging, awarding and showcasing excellence and innovation in the museum field. At that time, few organisations had the same ambition and approach, and Hudson's 1987 work, *Museums of Influence*, is still a classic.

Since then, and there have been 47 editions of the awards, and the EMF website offers a magnificent overview of best practice in museums, as does *Revisiting Museums of Influence. Four Decades of Innovation and Public Quality in European Museums* edited by former judges Mark O'Neill, Jette Sandahl and Marlen Mouliou. Over the past 20 years we have seen many changes that have impacted the role of museums, from the financial crisis to changes in technology, and most recently the pandemic, the rise of authoritarianism and the return war to Europe.

In this situation, the challenge for the European Museum Forum and the EMYA Awards is to be useful in these difficult times.

The awards reflect a balance between innovation and permanence, at a time when society and museums are changing rapidly. The different awards within the EMYA scheme reflect, represent, and emphasize different aspects and dimensions of our values of citizenship, democracy, human rights, and sustainability, and this year have a special emphasis on social impact – the positive difference that museums can make to our lives.

At present, in order to focus on the new times, the EMF is in the process of strengthening its Board of Trustees and its working team, as well as its connection with the Council of Europe, which is a long-standing supporter of the Awards.

The highly structured judging process for the Awards ensures the ability to discern quality, innovation and creativity across vast differences in scale, funding and the contexts of museums in Europe. The in-person visits by expert jury members is a unique and defining characteristic of the awards and ensures a rigorous and thorough process of judging and assessment.

The role of the National Correspondents, our network of museum experts across Europe, is also a vital part of our operations. They are an invaluable tool for promoting good candidates and raising the profile of the awards.

And we remain grateful to our sponsors, not only because of the critical funding that they provide, but also for their knowledge of and support for museums across Europe.

This year we have 50 nominations, from 24 member states of the Council of Europe. This high figure has meant the current team of judges has been supplemented by former judges, who with great kindness have lent themselves to the task and we are grateful for their support.

Last year the theme for the EMYA2023 conference, hosted by the MUHBA-Barcelona History Museum, was democracy and processes of democratisation. This year, based on the work that the candidate museums have in common, the theme is "Museums in Pursuit of Social Impact". Each of the candidates is working towards a lasting impact on the spread of knowledge, beauty and innovative cultural practices and the pursuit of social and cultural justice.

These issues are all the more important when authoritarianism and war have returned to Europe. As Jette Sandahl said last year: "The EMYA award scheme responds to long term societal changes as well as current urgent social issues, and reflects the challenges, obligations, and opportunities which museums face in the 21st century."

The issues most present among the EMYA2024 candidates endorse this view. Environmental concerns stand out; attention to armed conflicts and their consequences; gender issues; cultural inclusion; the decolonisation of the past; and the relationship between cities, states and globalisation, feature alongside issues such as the recognition and rights of minorities; attention to the community; the risks of over-reliance on digital content; the balance between tourism and local visitors; formulas for equitable public-private collaboration; the relevance of city museums; and shared management of museums with citizens. All of these matters are directly related to the social impact of museums, which will be the focus of EMYA2024 in Portimão.

*Joan Roca i Albert
Chair, European Museum Forum*

• EMYA 2024

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Portimão, Portugal

The Home of EMYA and Host of 2024 Conference and Awards Ceremony

After many years leading a nomadic existence, moving our offices (and our archives) to different cities across Europe, EMYA finally found a long-term home in 2018 in Portimão, in Portugal's Algarve. The Municipality of Portimão is committed to democratic access to culture, which was reflected in Portimão Museum winning the Council of Europe Museum Prize in 2010. Dedicated to cultural participation in Europe, the Municipality's partnership with EMYA is a way to build on the success of their innovative museum and support the development of museums across the continent. The partners agreed that the Municipality, through the museum, would provide administrative support for the EMF and a home for the EMF/EMYA Archive.

In recognition of this support, the EMF has created the Portimão Museum Prize for a museum that, in the opinion of the jury, is the most welcoming and friendly of that year's nominated candidates. These are very important values for Portimão, which welcomes hundreds of thousands of tourists every year. The main quality the prize celebrates is a friendly atmosphere of welcome so that all visitors, no matter what their background, feel they belong in the museum. All elements of the museum – its human qualities and physical environment – contribute to the feeling of welcome, as do events and activities in and round the museum.

José Gameiro (Partnership Liaison)
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Awards 1977-2023

1977 Strasbourg, France

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Ironbridge, United Kingdom
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Joan Miró Foundation, Barcelona, Spain
- **Specially commended**
FN Museum of Industrial Archaeology, Herstal, Belgium
Technical Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Terra Amata Museum, Nice, France
Municipal Museum, Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany
Historical Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Preus Foto Museum, Horten, Norway
International Museum of Clocks and Watches, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland

1978 Aachen, Germany

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Schloss Rheydt Municipal Museum, Mönchengladbach, Germany
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Bryggens Museum, Bergen, Norway
- **Specially commended**
Louisiana: Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark
Centre of Oceanography, Paris, France
Ecomuseum, Le Cresot, France
Bank of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland
International Museum of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
National Museum of Costume, Lisbon, Portugal
National Travelling Exhibitions, Stockholm, Sweden
Museum of London, London, United Kingdom
Erddig Park, Wrexham, United Kingdom

1979 Brussels, Belgium

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Museum of the Camargue, Arles, France
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Municipal Museum, Rüsselsheim, Germany

- **Specially commended**
FN Museum of Industrial Archaeology, Herstal, Belgium
Technical Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Terra Amata Museum, Nice, France
Municipal Museum, Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany
Historical Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Preus Foto Museum, Horten, Norway
International Museum of Clocks and Watches, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland

- **Bank of Ireland Special Exhibitions Award**
Archaeological Museum, Thessaloniki, Greece - Treasures of Macedonia

- **Specially commended**
Crédit Communal de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium - Brussels: Building and Rebuilding
Museum of Cultural History, Randers, Denmark - This is all about us; When the asphalt starts rolling; The vagabonds
Award for Creative Museum Management
Dr Alfred Waldis
Swiss Transport Museum, Lucerne, Switzerland

1980 London, England

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Catharine Convent State Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Monaghan County Museum, Monaghan, Ireland

- **Specially commended**
Sara Hildén Museum, Tampere, Finland
Museum of Art and History, Metz, France
PTT Museum, Riquewihr, France
State Museum of History and Art, Luxembourg
Norwegian Forestry Museum, Elverum, Norway
Museum of Spanish Abstract Art, Cuenca, Spain
Castle Museum, Hallwil, Switzerland
British Museum (Natural History), London, United Kingdom

- **Bank of Ireland Special Exhibitions Award**
Museum of Ethnography and History, Povoia de Varzim, Portugal - Signs and symbols used by local fishermen

- **Specially commended**
Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde, Denmark - Boats of Greenland
Children's Workshop, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France - The sense of touch; Colour
Gallery of Modern Art, Milan, Italy - Illustrations of working-class life: Attilio Pusterla and the poor man's eating place

1981 Stockholm, Sweden

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Folk Art Museum, Nafplion, Greece
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Music Museum, Stockholm, Sweden
- **Specially commended**
National Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Museum of Prehistory of the Ile-de-France, Nemours, France
Museum of Gardeners and Vinegrowers, Bamberg, Germany
Historical Museum, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany
The Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy
Museum of the Valley, Zogno, Italy
Ethnological Museum, Muro, Mallorca, Spain
Historical Museum, Olten, Switzerland
Natural History Museum, Solothurn, Switzerland
'Hunday', National Farm and Tractor Museum, Stocksfield, United Kingdom
- **Bank of Ireland Special Exhibitions Award**
Northern Animal Park, Emmen, Netherlands - Flowers and colours; Locomotion
- **Specially commended**
People's Palace Museum, Glasgow, United Kingdom - Glasgow stained glass
Museum of Mankind, London, United Kingdom - Asante, kingdom of gold
Royal Armoury, Stockholm, Sweden - Royal leisure

1982 Milan, Italy

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Museum of Art and History, Saint-Denis, France
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Åland Museum, Mariehamn, Finland
- **Specially commended**
National Museum of Marble, Rance, Belgium
Archaeological Museum, Kelheim, Germany
Goulandris Natural History Museum, Kifissia, Greece
Palazzo Pepoli Campogrande, Bologna, Italy
Ringve Museum, Trondheim, Norway
Museum of Crafts and Maritime Culture, Lidköping, Sweden
Museum of Stained Glass, Romont, Switzerland
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- **Bank of Ireland Special Exhibitions Award**
Awarded jointly to
The Yorkshire Museum, York, United Kingdom - The Vikings in England
The Guinness Museum, Dublin, Ireland - Wine of the country: a James's Gape at Guinness and Dublin
- **Specially commended**
Museum for the Blind, Brussels, Belgium - The Cathedral

1983 Paris, France

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Regional Museum, Sargans, Switzerland
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Joanneum: The Provincial Museum of Styria, Graz, Austria
- **Specially commended**
Museum of Old Technology, Grimbergen, Belgium
Museum of Contemporary Art, Dunkirk, France
German Museum of Locks & Fastenings, Velbert, Germany
Roscrea Heritage Centre, Roscrea, Ireland
Museum of the Mediterranean, Stockholm, Sweden
Scottish Agricultural Museum, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Belfast, United Kingdom
Museum of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom
Royal Marines Museum, Southsea, United Kingdom
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- **Personal Citations**
Knud Jensen
Louisiana: Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark –
For his success in arousing the interest of the general public in modern art and in creating an exceptionally sympathetic atmosphere for the purpose
Angelos and Niki Goulandris
The Goulandris Natural History Museum, Kifissia, Greece –
For their outstanding work in creating a centre of public education, scholarship and training of great national and international importance

1984 Enkhuizen, The Netherlands

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- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Zuiderzee Museum, Enkhuizen, Netherlands
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Awarded jointly to
Living Museum of the Canal du Centre, Thieu, Belgium
The Boat Museum, Ellesmere Port, United Kingdom
- **Specially commended**
Paul Delvaux Museum, Saint-Idesbald, Belgium
David d'Angers Museum, Angers, France
Museum of Navigation, Regensburg, Germany
Museum of Early Industrialisation, Wuppertal, Germany
Fota House, Carrigtwohill, Ireland
Archaeological Museum, Chieti, Italy
Museum of Farming & Crafts of Calabria, Monterosso Calabro, Italy
Evaristo Valle Museum, Gijón, Spain
Museum of the Province of Bohuslän, Uddevalla, Sweden
Museum of the Horse, La Sarraz, Switzerland
Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, Istanbul, Türkiye
The Burrell Collection, Glasgow, United Kingdom
Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, United Kingdom

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1987 Durham, England

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Beamish: North of England Open Air Museum, Stanley, United Kingdom
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Neukölln Museum, Berlin, Germany
- **Specially commended**
Museum of Biometeorology, Zwettl, Austria
Waterloo Museum, Waterloo, Belgium
Museum of Prehistory, Carnac, France
Wallpaper Museum, Rixheim, France
Ruhr Museum, Essen, Germany
New State Gallery, Stuttgart, Germany
Museum of Cycladic and Ancient Greek Art, Athens, Greece
Sarakatsani Folklore Museum, Serres, Greece

Municipal Museum, Rende Centro, Italy
Akershus Museum, Strømmen, Norway
National Theatre Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
Forestry Museum, Lycksele, Sweden
Nature Museum, Lucerne, Switzerland
Alimentarium, Vevey, Switzerland
The Ruskin Gallery, Sheffield, United Kingdom

1988 Delphi, Greece

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Brandts Klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Awarded jointly to
The Bavarian National Museum, Munich, Germany
Museum of the Convent of Descalzas Reales, Madrid, Spain
- **Specially commended**
Provincial Museum of Modern Art, Ostend, Belgium
Aine Art Museum, Tornio, Finland
Museum of Aquitaine, Bordeaux, France
Normandy Museum, Caen, France
'Tactical Museum' of the Lighthouse for the Blind in Greece, Kallithea, Greece
Sa Dom'e Farra Museum, Quartu S. Elena, Italy
Museum, The Hague, Netherlands
Museum of Medieval Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden
Maison Tavel, Geneva, Switzerland
Antalya Museum, Antalya, Türkiye
Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth, United Kingdom

1989 Basel, Switzerland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Sundsvall Museum, Sundsvall, Sweden
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **Specially commended**
Ecomuseum of Alsace, Ungersheim, France
Museum of Coaches, Carriages, Carts and Wagons, Heidenheim a.d. Brenz, Germany
Municipal Museum, Iserlohn, Germany
International Lace Museum, Nordhalben, Germany
Luigi Pecci Centre for Contemporary Art, Prato, Italy
National Museum of Roman Art, Mérida, Spain

The Futures' Museum, Borlänge, Sweden
Bergslagen Ecomuseum, Falun, Sweden
Swiss Museum of Games, La-Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland
Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, United Kingdom
Brewing and Brewery Museum, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia

1990 Bologna, Italy

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Ecomuseum of the Fourmies-Trélon Region, Fourmies, France
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Manuel da Maia Museum of Water, Lisbon, Portugal
- **Specially commended**
Heureka - The Finnish Science Centre, Vantaa, Finland
German Cookery Book Museum, Dortmund, Germany
Municipal Museum, Gütersloh, Germany
Røros Museum, Røros, Norway
Marionette Museum, Stockholm, Sweden
National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford, United Kingdom
National Waterways Museum, Gloucester, United Kingdom
- **Personal Citation**
Graziano Campanini
Municipal Art Gallery, Pieve di Cento, Italy -
In public recognition of his outstanding achievement in stimulating public awareness of the need for conservation of the local heritage

1991 Helsinki, Finland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
The Leventis Municipal Museum of Nicosia, Cyprus
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
German Salt Museum, Lüneburg, Germany
- **Specially commended**
Moorland and Peat Museum, Heidenreichstein, Austria
Dairy Museum, Saukkola, Finland
Museum of Automata, Souillac, France
The Old Synagogue, Essen, Germany
Coastal Museum, Gratangsbotn, Norway
Agricultural Museum of Entre Douro e Miño, Vila do Conde, Portugal
House of Wheat and Bread, Echallens, Switzerland
Natural History Museum, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester, United Kingdom

1992 Leiden, The Netherlands

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
State Museum of Technology and Work, Mannheim, Germany
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Argenta Marsh Museum, Argenta, Italy
- **Specially commended**
National Museum of Asian, African and American Cultures, Prague, Czech Republic
Océanopolis, Brest, France
Museum of Cretan Ethnology, Vori, Greece
Vasa Museum, Stockholm, Sweden
Inveraray Jail, Inveraray, United Kingdom

1993 Guimaraes, Portugal

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Alta Museum, Alta, Norway
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Awarded jointly to
Kobarid Museum, Kobarid, Slovenia
Archaeological Museum of Istanbul, Istanbul, Türkiye
- **Specially commended**
State Archaeological Museum, Konstanz, Germany
King Stephen Museum, Székesfehérvár, Hungary
Museum of the Olive, Imperia Oneglia, Italy
Municipal Museum, Loures, Portugal
Basel Paper Mill, Basel, Switzerland
Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man, United Kingdom
- **Personal Citation**
Dr Corneliu Bucur
Museum of Folk Civilisation in Romania, Sibiu, Romania –
For maintaining and developing his museum in the face of all possible political discouragement

1994 Belfast, Northern Ireland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
National Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Provincial Museum of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

- **Specially commended**

Historical Record of the Great War, Péronne, France
Museum of Modern Art, Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany
Museonder, Hoenderloo, Netherlands
Cotroceni National Museum, Bucharest, Romania
The Tower Museum, Derry, United Kingdom
Museum of Farnham, Farnham, United Kingdom

1995 Västerås, Sweden

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

The Olympic Museum, Lausanne, Switzerland

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

House of the History of the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn, Germany

- **Specially commended**

Museum of Traditional Local Culture, Spittal/Drau, Austria
Lapidarium of the National Museum, Prague, Czech Republic
City Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Westphalian Industrial Museum, Waltrop, Germany
Morandi Museum, Bologna, Italy
County Museum of Västerbotten, Härnösand, Sweden
Lindwurm Museum, Stein am Rhein, Switzerland
Museum of Underwater Archaeology, Bodrum, Türkiye
City Art Gallery, Southampton, United Kingdom

- **Personal Citation**

Gabriele Mazzotta
Antonio Mazzotta Foundation, Milan, Italy -
For his work in developing an exhibition centre of exceptional quality, which is likely to have a profound and far-reaching effect on the museum situation in Italy; for his successful efforts to further international co-operation in the museum field; and for the consistently high standard of his publications programme

1996 Barcelona, Spain

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

Museum of the Romanian Peasant, Bucharest, Romania

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Provincial Museum of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

- **Specially commended**

Museum of the Prácheňské Region, Písek, Czech Republic
Lusto - Finnish Forest Museum, Punkaharju, Finland
Countryside Museum, Usson-en-Forez, France

German Safety at Work Exhibition, Dortmund, Germany
Turaida Museum, Turaida, Latvia
Groningen Museum, Groningen, Netherlands
Chiado Museum, Lisbon, Portugal
Gijón Heritage Project, Gijón, Spain
Glassworks Museum, Hergiswil, Switzerland
Museum of Liverpool Life, Liverpool, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

German Safety at Work Exhibition, Dortmund, Germany

- **Personal Citation**

Mr Rahmi M. Koç
Rahmi M. Koç Industrial Museum, Istanbul, Türkiye -
In recognition of his enterprise and pioneering spirit in establishing an industrial and technical museum which will be an inspiration and encouragement to countries which have hitherto lacked such institutions.

1997 Lausanne, Switzerland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

Museum of Anatolian Civilisations, Ankara, Türkiye

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Children's Museum, Tropical Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Specially commended**

Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Turku, Finland
Historical Museum, Bielefeld, Germany
Lower Bavarian Museum of Prehistory, Landau, Germany
Historical and Ethnological Museum of Greek-Cappadocian Civilisations, Nea Karvali, Greece
Bonnenfanten Museum, Maastricht, Netherlands
Old Royal Observatory, London, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

Municipal Museum, Idrija, Slovenia

1998 Samos, Greece

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

The Conservation Centre, NMGM Liverpool, United Kingdom

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

The Museum Centre, Krasnoyarsk, Russia

- **Specially commended**

Zeppelin Museum, Friedrichshafen, Germany
Neanderthal Museum, Mettmann, Germany
Heinz Nixdorf MuseumsForum, Paderborn, Germany
Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary
Museum of the History of the City of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Michel Giacometti Museum of Work, Setúbal, Portugal
Vladimir & Suzdal Museum of History, Art and Architecture, Vladimir, Russia
Buckinghamshire County Museum, Aylesbury, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

Ecomuseum Bergslagen, Smedjebacken, Sweden

1999 Ljubljana, Slovenia

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

French Museum of Playing Cards, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Palace of Fine Arts, Lille, France
Specially commended
Otto Lilienthal Museum, Anklam, Germany
Amedeo Lia Municipal Museum, La Spezia, Italy
Museum De Stadshof, Zwolle, Netherlands
Murska Sobota Regional Museum, Murska Sobota, Slovenia
Vitleycke Museum, Tanumshede, Sweden
Museum of Prehistory, Zug, Switzerland
Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow, United Kingdom
Maritime Museum of Jersey, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

Verdant Works, Dundee, United Kingdom

2000 Bonn, Germany

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

In Flanders Fields Museum, Ieper/Ypres, Belgium

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Siida – Sámi Museum & Northern Lapland Nature Centre, Inari, Finland
National Socialist Documentation Centre of the City of Cologne, Germany
Museum of Reconstruction, Hammerfest, Norway

Visionarium, Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
Museum Estate of L. Tolstoy, Yasnaya Polyana, Russia
Silver Museum, Arjeplog, Sweden
Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

Industrion, Kerkrade, Netherlands

2001 Pisa, Italy

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

National Railway Museum, York, United Kingdom

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Theatre Museum, Helsinki, Finland

- **Specially commended**

Farmhouse Museum, Bielefeld, Germany
Museum of the City and the District, Monsummano Terme, Italy
Zaans Museum, Koog aan de Zaan, Netherlands
Coal Mining Museum of Slovenia, Velenje, Slovenia
Härjedalen Mountain Museum, Funäsdalen, Sweden
National Museum of Photography, Film & Television, Bradford, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

English Mill's Cork Museum, Silves, Portugal

2002 City of Luxembourg

- **European Museum of the Year Award**

The Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Buddenbrook House, Lübeck, Germany

- **Specially commended**

National Museum of History, Sofia, Bulgaria
City Museum – Street Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Levi Strauss Museum 'Jeans & Kult', Buttenheim, Germany
Waterford Treasures Museum, Waterford, Ireland
Permafrost Museum, Igarka, Russia
Museum of Kyburg Castle, Kyburg, Switzerland
STEAM: Museum of the Great Western Railway, Swindon, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**

Ceramics Museum of Sacavém, Portugal

2003 Copenhagen, Denmark

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Victoria and Albert Museum – British Galleries, London, United Kingdom
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Laténium – Park and Museum of Archaeology, Hauterive, Switzerland
- **Specially commended**
Kierikki Stone Age Centre, Yli-Ii, Finland
The Goulandris Natural History Museum – Gaia Centre for Environmental Research and Education, Kifissia, Greece
Danube Museum – The Hungarian Museum of Water Administration, Esztergom, Hungary
National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden, Netherlands
CosmoCaixa, Alcobendas (Madrid), Spain
Imperial War Museum – Holocaust Exhibition, London, United Kingdom
- **Micheletti Award**
Industrial Museum of Clockmaking, Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany

2004 Kifissia, Greece

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
MARQ, Archaeological Museum of the Province of Alicante, Spain
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Trakya University Sultan Bayazid II Kulliye Health Care Museum, Edirne, Türkiye
- **Specially commended**
La Piscine – André Diligent Museum of Art and Industry, Roubaix, France
House of Terror, Budapest, Hungary
Imperial War Museum North, Manchester, United Kingdom
- **Micheletti Award**
Herring Era Museum, Siglufjörður, Iceland

2005 Brussels, Belgium

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
The National Heritage Museum, Arnhem, Netherlands
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Museum of Byzantine Culture, Thessaloniki, Greece
- **Specially commended**
Saxony Museum of Industry, Chemnitz, Germany
Fishing Museum, Palamos, Spain
Mölnärdal Museum, Mölnärdal, Sweden

- **Micheletti Award**
City of Science, Naples, Italy

2006 Lisbon, Portugal

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
CosmoCaixa Barcelona, Spain
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Churchill Museum, London, United Kingdom
- **Specially commended**
inatura - The Natural History Adventure Experience in Dornbirn, Austria
ARoS Denmark, Aarhus, Denmark
National Museum of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland
- **Micheletti Award**
Tom Tits Experiment, Södertälje, Sweden

2007 Alicante, Spain

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
German Emigration Center, Bremerhaven, Germany
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
International Museum of the Reformation, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Specially commended**
Museum of the Bresse Region, Saint-Cyr-sur-Menthon, France
The Dolhuys: Museum of Psychiatry, Haarlem, Netherlands
The Railway Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
Paul Klee Centre, Bern, Switzerland
- **Micheletti Award**
Brunel's ss Great Britain, Bristol, United Kingdom

2008 Dublin, Ireland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Kumu Art Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Svalbard Museum, Longyearbyen, Norway
- **Specially commended**
Catharijneconvent Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
Museum of Almería, Almería, Spain
Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum, London, United Kingdom

- **Micheletti Award**
University Science Museum, Coimbra, Portugal

2009 Bursa, Türkiye

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Salzburg Museum, Salzburg, Austria
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Zeeuws Museum, Middelburg, Netherlands
- **Specially commended**
Archaeological Centre of Almoina, Valencia, Spain
Museum of Life Stories, Speicher, Switzerland
Museum of Modern Art, Istanbul, Türkiye

- **Micheletti Award**
Museum of the Jaeren Region, Naerbø, Norway

2010 Tampere, Finland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Ozeaneum, Stralsund, Germany
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Portimao Museum, Portimao, Portugal
- **Specially commended**
Museum of Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium
The Science Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Micheletti Award**
Agbar Water Museum, Cornellà de Llobregat, Spain

- **Micheletti Award**
Museum of Contraception and Abortion, Vienna, Austria

2011 Bremerhaven, Germany

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Gallo-Roman Museum, Tongeren, Belgium
- **Specially commended**
The British Music Experience, London, United Kingdom
Douro Museum, Peso da Regua, Portugal
Museum of the Artist and Story-Teller Stepan Pisakhov, Arkhangelsk, Russia

- **Specially commended**
Museo Memoria de Andalucía, Granada, Spain
Schiller National Museum, Marbach, Germany
Tampere 1918 – Museum of the Finnish Civil War, Tampere, Finland

- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Museum of Broken Relationships, Zagreb, Croatia

- **Silletto Prize**
Watersnoodmuseum, Owerkerk, Netherlands

2012 Penafiel, Portugal

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Museo de Madinat al-Zahra, Cordoba, Spain
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum, Kulturen der Welt, Cologne, Germany

- **Specially commended**
Audax Textielmuseum, Tilburg, The Netherlands
The Museum of a Disappeared Taste – Kolomna Pastilla Kolomna, Russia
The Museum of Prijepolje, Serbia
The People's History Museum in Manchester, United Kingdom

- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
The Glasnevin Museum in Dublin, Ireland

- **Silletto Prize**
The International Puppet Museum Centre, Tolosa, Spain

2013 Tongeren, Belgium

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Riverside Museum: Scotland's Museum of Transport, Glasgow, United Kingdom
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Museum of Liverpool, United Kingdom

- **Specially commended**
Gobustan National Historical Artistic Preserve, Garadakh district, Azerbaijan
Art Museum Riga Bourse, Riga, Latvia
The National Maritime Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
San Telmo Museum, San Telmo, Spain

- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Batalha's Municipal Community Museum, Damão e Diu – Batalha, Portugal

- **Sillette Prize**
MAS Museum aan de Stroom, Antwerp, Belgium

2014 Tallinn, Estonia

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
The Museum of Innocence, Istanbul, Türkiye
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Baksi Museum, Bayburt, Türkiye
- **Specially commended**
Lennusadam, Estonian Maritime Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
Bildmuseet, Umeå, Sweden
Museo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, A Coruña, Spain
Museo Occidens / Catedral de Pamplona, Spain
Kazerne Dossin – Memorial, Museum and Documentation Centre on Holocaust and Human Rights, Mechelen, Belgium
Flossenbürg Concentration Camp Memorial, Germany
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Žanis Lipke Memorial, Riga, Latvia
- **Sillette Prize**
The Saurer Museum, Arbon, Switzerland

2015 Glasgow, United Kingdom

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
MuCEM: Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations, Marseille, France
- **Specially commended**
The Finnish Nature Centre Haltia, Haltia, Finland (Special Commendation for Sustainability)
Red Star Line Museum, Antwerp, Belgium
MUSE: Museo delle Scienze (Science Museum), Trento, Italy
Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth, United Kingdom
Vorarlberg Museum, Vorarlberg, Austria
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Sillette Prize**
The Familistère at Guise, France

2016 Tolosa and San Sebastian, Spain

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
POLIN: Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, Poland
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, Poland
- **Specially commended**
Museum of Bibracte, Mont Beuvray, France (Special Commendation for Sustainability)
The Archaeological Museum of Tegea, Tegea, Greece
BZ '18 – '45. One Monument, One City, Two Dictatorships: permanent exhibition within the Monument to Victory, Bolzano, Italy
National Military Museum, Soest, The Netherlands
The Information Age Galleries, The Science Museum, London, United Kingdom
The Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, United Kingdom
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Micropia, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Sillette Prize**
Vukovar City Museum, Vukovar, Croatia

2017 Zagreb, Croatia

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
MEG – Museum of Ethnography, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Mémorial ACTe, Caribbean Centre of Expressions and Memory of the Slave Trade and Slavery, Guadeloupe, France
- **Specially commended**
Visitor Centre of the Swiss Ornithological Institute Sempach, Switzerland (Special Commendation for Sustainability)
The Old Town. National Open-Air Museum of Urban History and Culture, Aarhus, Denmark
Museum of Confluences, Lyon, France
Heraklion Archaeological Museum, Heraklion, Greece
Muzeum Śląskie, Katowice, Poland
York Art Gallery, York, United Kingdom
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Museum of the First President of Russia Boris Yeltsin, Yekaterinburg, Russia
- **Sillette Prize**
Leiria Museum, Leiria, Portugal

2018 Warsaw, Poland

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Design Museum, London, United Kingdom
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
War Childhood Museum, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Sillette Prize**
Betina Museum Of Wooden Shipbuilding, Betina, Croatia
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Estonian National Museum, Tartu, Estonia
- **Special Commendation for Sustainability**
Vapriikki Museum Centre, Tampere, Finland
- **Specially commended**
Helsinki City Museum, Helsinki, Finland
Lascaux IV- International Centre for Cave Art, Dordogne, France
Rainis and Aspazija's Museum, Riga, Jurmala and Dunava, Latvia
Museo dell' Opera del Duomo, Florence, Italy
Museo Egizio, Turin, Italy
University Museum of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain

2019 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Rijksmuseum Boerhaave, The Netherlands
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Museum of Communication, Switzerland
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
Weltmuseum, Austria
- **Sillette Prize**
Strandingsmuseum St George, Thorsminde, Denmark
- **Portimão Museum Prize**
Brunel's SS Great Britain, United Kingdom
- **Special Commendation for Sustainability**
World Nature Forum. Switzerland
- **Specially commended**
House of European History, Belgium
Museum of Apoxyomenos, Croatia

Moesgaard Museum, Denmark
The National Museum in Szczecin – The Dialogue Centre Upheavals, Poland
Pan Tadeusz Museum, Poland
Verdun Memorial Museum, France

2020 Online Award Ceremony, hosted by Yeltsin Center, Yekaterinburg, Russia

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Stapferhaus, Switzerland
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
The National Museum of Secret Surveillance «House of Leaves» Tirana, Albania
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
House of Austrian History, Austria
- **Sillette Prize**
14 Henrietta Street, Ireland
- **Portimão Museum Prize**
MO Museum, Lithuania
- **Meyvaert Museum Prize for Sustainability**
Wadden Sea Centre, Denmark
- **Specially commended**
Museum Hof Van Busleyden, Belgium
M9, Museum of the 20th Century, Italy
Tropenmuseum, The Netherlands
Museum of Archaeological Wood "Tatar Settlement", Russian Federation
Uchma Museum, Russian Federation
Troy Museum, Türkiye
National Museum of Scotland, United Kingdom

2021 Online Award Ceremony, hosted by Yeltsin Center, Yekaterinburg, Russia

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Naturalis Biodiversity Center, The Netherlands
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Gulag History Museum, Russian Federation
- **Kenneth Hudson Award**
CosmoCaixa, Spain
- **Sillette Prize**
Kenan Yavuz Ethnography Museum, Türkiye

- **2021 Online Award Ceremony**
Yeltsin Center, Yekaterinburg, Russia

- **Portimão Museum Prize**
Gruuthusemuseum, Belgium

- **Meyvaert Museum Prize for Sustainability**
Museum Walserhaus Gurin, Switzerland

- **Specially commended**
Women's Museum Hittisau, Austria
Haapsalu Castle Museum, Estonia
Futurium, Germany
Hungarian Museum of Water Management and Environmental Protection – Danube Museum, Hungary
Thesaurus Cracoviensis – Museum of Krakow, Poland
Odunpazarı Modern Museum, Türkiye

2022 Tartu, Estonia

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
Museum of the Mind - Dolhuys, Haarlem, The Netherlands

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Nano Nagle Place, Cork, Ireland

- **Kenneth Hudson Award for Institutional Courage and Professional Integrity**
Wayne Modest
Nanette Snoep
Léontine Meijer-van Mensch
Laura van Broekhoven

- **Portimão Museum Prize**
The University Museum of Bergen - Natural History, Bergen, Norway

- **Sillette Prize**
Museum of Footwear and Industry, Inca, Spain

- **Meyvaert Museum Prize for Sustainability**
Holmegaard Værk, Fensmark, Denmark

- **Specially commended**
Ghent University Museum, Ghent, Belgium
Experimenta, Heilbronn, Germany
Sigismondo Castromediano Museum, Lecce, Italy
Nicolaus Copernicus House, Toruń, Poland
Nordiska museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Swiss Museum of the Blind, Bern, Switzerland
The Box, Plymouth, United Kingdom

2023 Barcelona, Spain

- **European Museum of the Year Award**
L'Etno, Valencian Museum of Ethnology, Valencia, Spain

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**
Workers Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark

- **Kenneth Hudson Award for Institutional Courage and Professional Integrity**
23.5 Hrant Dink Site of Memory, Istanbul, Türkiye

- **Portimão Museum Prize for Welcoming, Inclusion and Belonging**
Chillida Leku, Hernani, Spain

- **Sillette Prize for Community Participation and Engagement**
Otar Lordkipanidze Vani Archeological Museum of Georgian National Museum, Georgia

- **Meyvaert Museum Prize for Sustainability**
Swiss Museum of Agriculture, Burgrain, Switzerland

- **Specially commended**
Graz Museum Schlossberg, Austria
FeliXart Museum, Drogenbos, Belgium
Ilia Chavchavadze Literary Memorial Museum, Museum of the Tbilisi Museums Union, Tbilisi, Georgia
Depot Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Abbey Church of Payerne, Payerne, Switzerland
Thackray Museum of Medicine, Leeds, United Kingdom



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