



“Ilenia Alpi” Television Journalism Award

Best international organised crime report 2012

Call for applicants

The Associazione Ilenia Alpi, FLARE Network and Novaya Gazeta, from now on called the “organisers”, announce a competition for the production of two investigative journalistic video documentaries on the issues of transnational organised crime and corruption.

INTRODUCTION

The global expansion of interests related to organised crime following the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union is an aspect which has received little attention. The breakdown of customs barriers and borders, the ease of transnational and continental movement, the opening of historically nationalised markets to the West and the exponential growth of digital media since the beginning of the early 1990’s, has enabled organised crime to establish a significant role in today’s global economy.

Criminal gangs and mafia clans, which have had a partial or substantial control over their respective national territory, are beginning to establish relationships with each other, to operate across territories (often thousands of miles apart) and to expand the range of smuggled and trafficked goods: human beings and organs, drugs, arms, waste and a number of frauds on clothing, electronic devices and food. Modern organised crime has such become highly influential local and globally, with big consequences on society.

REGULATIONS

ART. 1

In order to promote the circulation of information about organised crime and to encourage and support journalists’ initiatives to analyse a phenomenon which now has international significance and deep local roots, the organisers announce a competition aimed at co-financing **two** journalistic investigative projects regarding the **presence, impact and the social, political and economic consequences** of organized crime and corruption within a chosen geographical context.

Relevant issues for the inquiry may include, but are not limited to: corruption, fraud, cyber-crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking (women, children, men, organs), environmental crimes, money laundering, smuggling, energy policies, sport match-fixing, illicit calls for tenders.

ART 2.

Priority will be given to projects which address an issue with a **transnational approach** (e.g. national phenomena characterized by components from other countries). There are no geographical limits. Participants are free to propose projects in any geographical area of the world.

ART 3.

Authors need to be minimum two and have to be from at least two different countries.

ART. 3

The **narrative method of the investigation is at the author’s discretion** (documentary, narration, interviews, historical reports, animation, etc.)



ART. 4

Projects must be designed to produce videos of a duration between **5 and 25 minutes (maximum length)** in formats such as minidv, dvcam, dv, hd, hdv. Priority will be given to projects which last between 15 and 25 minutes.

ART. 5

The documentary will remain the property of the author(s), but the organisers reserve the right to transmit it across their own sites and the sites of third party assignees. Narration or subtitles in the English language is obligatory and must also include in the wording **"Best International Organised Crime Report - With the contribution of FLARE Network, Novaja Gazeta and Iλία Alpi Television Journalism Award"**.

ART. 6

The Jury, composed by representatives of the organisers and the authors of the winner of the BIOCR 2011 will select **two projects which will be allocated € 2,000 each**. The judges' decision is final and the allocation of the financial award **mandates the production of the project (with a non-payment penalty provision) which must be completed by May 18, 2012**.

The amount will be allocated in two installments: the first at the appointment of the four successful projects (March 1st, 2012) and the second one at the presentation of the project (June 2012).

ART. 7

The documentaries will be presented **in preview** to the public at the Premio Giornalistico Televisivo Iλία Alpi (June 2012) whereby the best of the two investigations will be awarded the title of **"Best International Organised Crime Report"** and an additional prize of **€ 2.000**. Winners may also be interested in transmission on national television and satellite: specific agreements will be determined separately.

ART. 8

Projects must be submitted by sending a data CD with the documents listed in the "Subscription Form" and sent to the address on the "Subscription Form" by **18:00 (GMT+1) on December 30, 2011**. Applications which fail to provide all necessary documentation will not be considered (see "Subscription Form").

The results will be announced on January 31, 2011.

ART. 9

The "Best International Organised Crime Report" provides the following time schedule:

December 30, 2011:	Deadline for project applications in writing using the appropriate "Subscription Form".
January 31, 2011:	Announcement of the four selected projects and payment of first installment of funding (€ 1,000).
May 18, 2012:	Deadline for submission of investigations and payment of the second installment of funding (€ 1,000).
June 2012:	Prize-giving to the authors of the winning investigation.