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Description of the Prize:

At the end of every legislative period in Germany, the FRFG will award an unremunerated prize for a law or legislative initiative which either removes a present injustice that affects future generations or protects future generations from future injustices. The law should be mainly based on the principle of intergenerational justice. The acting recipients of the legislative prize could be politicians who are either members of a government (national governments, EU-Commission), members of a parliament (Members of the European Parliament or UK MPs), or incumbents of a political office (secretary general, board member, leader of a youth organization etc.).

Name of the Prize:

The prize was named "Legislative Prize for Generationally Just Laws".

Periodicity of the award ceremony:

The prize will be awarded for the first time in 2014 and then every four years after the federal election. Due to the award, the FRFG has the opportunity to emphasize the importance of generationally just laws and further encourage the members of the new legislature to continue this positive development. Thus, the FRFG is able to provide a continuity in terms of intergenerational justice between the alternating governments.

Evaluation and selection process:

Due to its daily work, the FRFG has a good overview of laws and legislative initiatives being intergenerational just. In order to determine if a law has a positive influence on intergenerational justice, a catalog of criteria was elaborated (impact of the law, contribution to intergenerational justice, intergenerational justice as justification, level of innovation, participation of young people, temporal continuance, etc.). The selection process is done in cooperation with a jury. Regarding the Legislative Prize for Generationally Just Laws in 2014, the jury consisted of experts and representatives of the Scientific Advisory Board of the FRFG and a FRFG board member.

The Jury:

The jury is comprised of experts from the FRFG Scientific Advisory Board as well as a member of the Board of Directors. To date, the FRFG has secured the services of the following individuals to act as jury members:

- Dr. Bettina Munimus (Representative of the FRFG)
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Franz Josef Radermacher (Scientific Advisory Board)
- Dr. Maja GÄppel (Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy)

- Prof. Dr. Ute Mager (Center for Sustainable Research, University of Heidelberg)
- Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs (Leiterin der Forschungsstelle für Umweltpolitik, Freie Universität Berlin)

This year, the FRFG is going to award the nuclear phase-out law resolved by the 17th Bundestag.

Award ceremony 2014:

The award ceremony of the Legislative Prize for Generationally Just Laws took place on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in Berlin at the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA School of Governance. As part of the cooperation with the University, the award ceremony is integrated within the Plenumstrialog for energy transition of the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA School of Governance.

For more information about the Trialogreihe for energy transition, see: www.trialog-energiewende.org

The Legislative Prize for Generationally Just Laws was handed over to young parliament members from the four fractions of the 18th Bundestag. On the one hand, the young MP's are representatives of the young generations and their interests due to their age. On the other hand, the FRFG wants to use the media presence at the award ceremony to encourage the MP's to continue the intergenerational development in terms of energy transition during the legislative of the 18th Bundestag.