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Acceptance sponsorship 2021 Prize Caserta

Dear Dott. Scuderi,

In reference to your letter of 2 August 2021 to Mr Filippo Spieza, I first wish to thank you for the kind invitation to Eurojust for sponsoring the 2021 instalment of the European Award for Investigative and Judicial Journalism (Prize Caserta). As a previous laureate, Eurojust fully well knows the important values the award represents and the need to further advocate for them.

Serious crime continues to challenge and at times even erode the democratic foundations our societies are built on. In addition to having performant criminal justice systems, it is therefore essential that we can continue to rely on high quality investigative and judicial journalism to call out what otherwise would remain hidden. To do that and to safeguard the professional legacy of investigative journalists whose calling led them to pay the ultimate price, it needs to be encouraged and protected. I am therefore pleased to inform you that Eurojust gladly accepts the sponsorship of the 2021 Prize Caserta in line with the terms laid out in your aforementioned letter.

With a view to any further practical arrangements, I invite you to directly liaise with my office (President@eurojust.europa.eu). Let me also take this opportunity to wish you and your colleagues an excellent 2021 edition and I am looking forward to hearing more.

Yours sincerely,

Ladislav Hamran
President of Eurojust