



OFFICIAL INVITATION



ETHOS UNIVERSITAS PARTNER COMMUNITIES



International Federation
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 International
Olympic
Committee



Official Invitation Ethos Universitas

Partner Community or City

Esteemed Mayor or Municipal Leadership,

Just as academic leaders guide universities, community leaders and mayors guide their communities through integrity and service to the public good. In this shared spirit, your municipality is invited to join Ethos Universitas as a Partner Community or City, publicly affirming its commitment to ethical governance, extending the Olympic spirit far beyond sport, from the smallest villages to the largest cities.

This distinction grants the right to use the Ethos Universitas Seal and Certificate as a mark of integrity in civic communications. To sustain the initiative, each partner contributes a purely symbolic annual amount of €250. No additional costs apply.

Partner Communities and Cities also have the right to participate in the Ethos Universitas Awards, which recognize municipalities that bring ethical principles to life in public governance. Participation is entirely optional. The Awarding Summit will take place in February 2027 in Antwerp, Belgium's Olympic city, live and online.

Universitas expresses the universal and Olympic character of ethics while also honoring a network of over 150 universities in more than 50 countries, which serve as the independent academic jury of the Awards, ensuring independence, credibility, and academic integrity.

Ethos Universitas offers municipalities a platform to affirm leadership through values, transparency, and responsibility in public life.

With highest regard and respect,

Prof. Dr. Hon. Rector Francis Van Loon, Baron
President Ethos Universitas

Co-signed Giorgio Chinellato
President Panathlon International

Appendix, About Us

Who we are and what drives us



PROF. DR. HON. RECTOR FRANCIS VAN LOON, BARON **Initiator & Driving Force**

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Francis Van Loon (Photo) assumed the role of rector at the Confederated University Antwerp and later became the first rector of the unified University of Antwerp. In 2008, he was granted the title of Baron by King Albert II of Belgium. In 2016, he was appointed Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold. He has always been dedicated to civic and academic ethics.

PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL **Global Leader Olympic Ethics**

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Panathlon International established in 1951 in Venice (Italy), is recognized by the International Olympic Committee with resolution 11/6/1982. Panathlon's main aim is the achievement of the Olympic ideal and the establishment of its cultural and moral values as a means towards the development and advancement of the individual and solidarity between men and people. The PCU Committee (PCU) is the university platform of Panathlon International.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR ETHICS AND INTEGRITY **Collaborating for Universal Values**

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Panathlon International promotes ethics in civic, academic, and sporting life through partnerships. It cooperates with public institutions and international organizations on initiatives that advance integrity, inclusion, and fair play, including within international frameworks such as the European Week of Sport. At the global level, Panathlon International works with partners across continents, including the International Fair Play Committee, and maintains structured cooperation with IOC-recognised bodies, reinforcing the universal values of fair play, inclusion, and institutional integrity.



Appendix, Your Benefits

Contributing to a global civic integrity network

Stand for ethics because you believe in it

Not for prestige, but out of commitment to ethical governance and civic values.

Freedom to choose your title

Be recognized as a Partner Community or Partner City, according to your local identity and character. Larger municipalities typically choose City designation.

Award eligibility and equal opportunity for recognition

Partner municipalities may take part in the Ethos Universitas Awards, recognising ethical governance initiatives; participation is optional. Awards are granted separately to Communities and Cities, ensuring equal chances regardless of size.

Institutional Recognition

Recognised Partner, with visibility in programme communications.

No significant financial commitment

Only a symbolic annual contribution of €250, deliberately accessible.

Partner Seal and Certificate of Recognition

Right to display the Partner Seal and Certificate in institutional communications.

Strengthened network

Engagement with like-minded municipalities and academic institutions worldwide.

Invitation to the Awarding Summit

Participation in the Awarding Summit in February 2027 in Antwerp, Belgium's Olympic city; attendance is optional and available both in person and online.



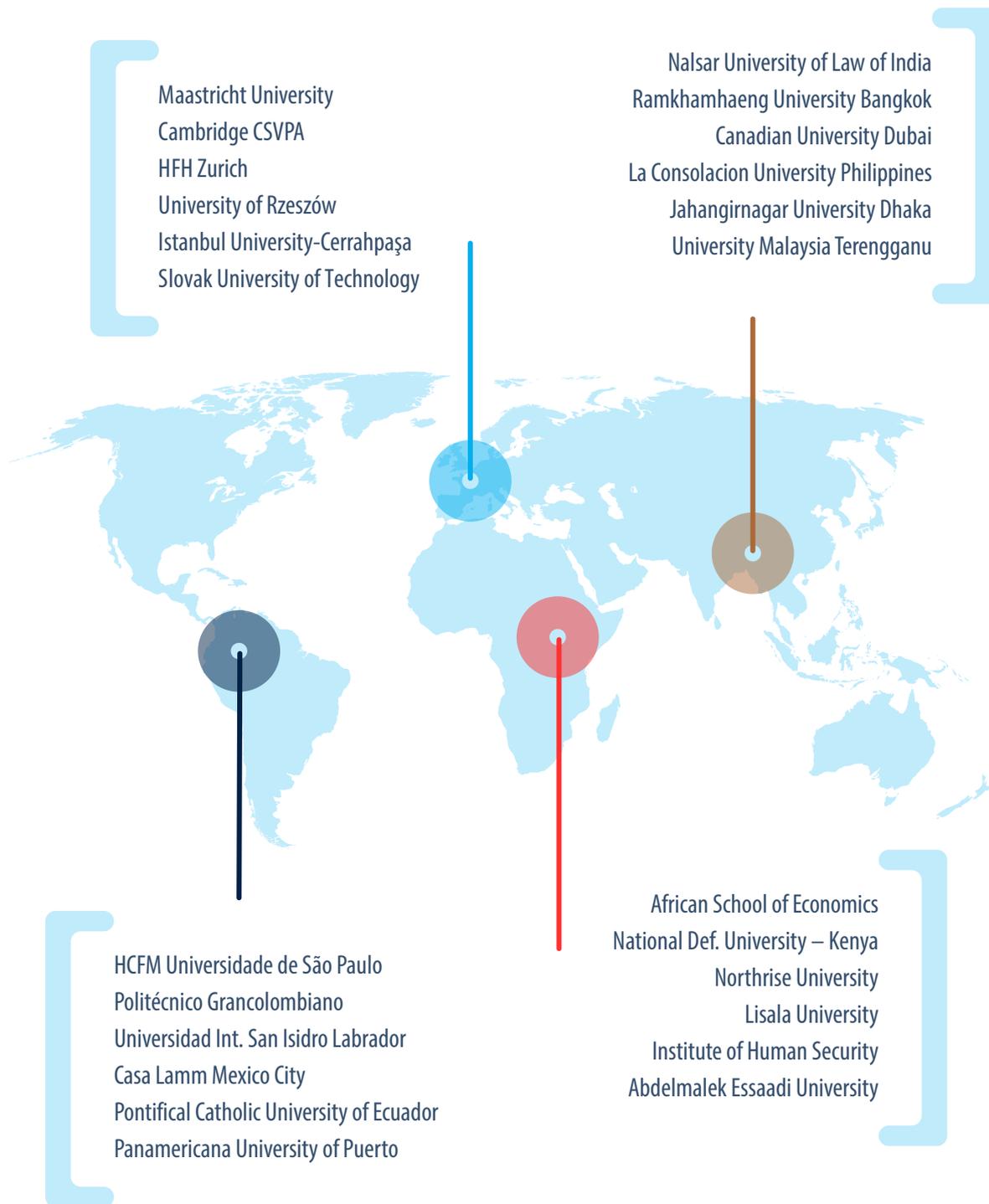
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Appendix, Global Academic Jury

150 universities united for community integrity



This map highlights a selection of the jury universities. The full list of more than 150 institutions is available at pcucommittee.com.

Timeline

PARTNER COMMUNITIES

● INVITATIONS - NOVEMBER 2025 TO FEBRUARY 2026

Global Information and Invitation Campaign
Partner Communities and Cities

● REGISTRATIONS & VISIBILITY

Registrations possible at any time in 2026.

| In the Spotlight section currently available on the website
with some already registered Partner Communities

| End February 2026, first presentation of all Partner
Communities registered at that time

● AWARD PROJECTS - FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER 2026

Activation Award Project Helpdesk
Award project submissions (Optional)

● AWARDING SUMMIT - FEBRUARY 2027

Attendance optional (Also available online)
One-day event, details February 2026

More info & registration modalities
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