

## Rules Pels4Good Fund

### Who may participate?

All Hague-based companies, institutions (not-for-profit or for-profit) and individuals may participate if they contribute to access to justice. Companies, institutions and individuals not located in The Hague may also participate if they contribute to access to justice in The Hague.

An alliance of companies and institutions may also be eligible for the award if at least one of those companies or institutions is located in The Hague and contributes to access to justice or none of the participants in the alliance is located in The Hague and the alliance contributes to access to justice in The Hague.

### Which projects or activities are eligible?

Projects or activities related to access to law (in a broad sense) for everyone are eligible, regardless of origin, position or legal question.

Individuals or smaller entrepreneurs may, for many reasons, find it difficult to determine their legal position and/or take legal action, despite the existing legal system enabling them to do so. This may be because they do not have sufficient access to objectively reliable information about their legal position, because they do not experience sufficient capacity to act, lack access to advice and/or support, lack financial resources, time or energy, experience feelings of discomfort, fear or shame, or lack confidence in the existing legal system. This may be experienced or addressed differently by specific groups, such as young people or less self-reliant or otherwise vulnerable individuals.

The Pels4Good Fund aims to promote projects or activities that facilitate individuals or small entrepreneurs in determining their legal position and/or to obtain justice, whether for a specific group or not. For example, these may be projects or activities that provide alternative avenues for handling objections or contribute to obtaining more objectively reliable information about the legal position in order to make good use of the existing system. Of course, other projects or activities are also conceivable.

They must be ongoing projects that contribute to access to justice or projects the implementation of which will begin no later than January 1 of the year following the award.

### What is the amount from the fund?

The Pels4Good Fund is in principle € 20,000. Pels Rijcken reserves the right to designate two winners, in which case each will receive €10,000.

### The jury

The selection of the winner(s) of the Pels4Good Fund is made by a jury of three persons, composed by Pels Rijcken, which may also include external jury members. In case of a large number of entries, Pels Rijcken may choose to have a pre-selection take place and only the candidates that emerged from the pre-selection (the nominees) will be presented to the jury.

### Timeframe

Registration is open as of 1 September 2023 until 30 September 2023. Applicants shall submit a plan describing eligible projects or activities. An application form enables them to explain how and why the project or activity contributes to access to justice.

If preselection has taken place, the nominees will be announced on Oct. 9.

Between October 9 and the ImpactFest, Pels Rijcken will consider organizing a substantive program for the nominees in which the plans for projects or activities can be further developed. Those plans will be presented to the jury during this meeting. Based on this substantive meeting, a final plan for a project or activity can be developed and submitted for review by the jury on the ImpactFest session.

Presentation of the Pels4Good Fund will take place at ImpactFest on Nov. 7, 2023.