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<http://www.datajournalismawards.org>



The Global Editors Network (GEN) is proud to announce the launch of the first annual **Data Journalism Awards (DJA)**, the international competition recognizing outstanding work in the growing field of data journalism. The GEN initiative is supported by Google and is organized in collaboration with the European Journalism Centre.

An international jury of data journalism and media experts will select the six winning submissions. Jury members have been selected from prestigious international media companies including the New York Times, the Guardian, and Les Echos and the president of the Jury is Paul Steiger, founder of ProPublica (see below).

According to Steiger, *“journalists and media organisations increasingly use numerical data and databases to gather, organize and produce relevant information. The Data Journalism Awards champions the evolution of this field by rewarding editorial excellence and highlighting best practices in data journalism”*.

Data Journalism Awards candidates can apply to one of those three categories:

1. Data-driven investigative journalism
2. Data-driven applications
3. Data visualisation & Storytelling

Both National/International and Local/Regional projects are welcome and will be judged separately. The work submitted must have been published or aired between 11 April 2011 and 10 April 2012.

**A total of €45,000 (around \$57,000) will be awarded to the six winning projects.**

As of today, applicants can submit their best data journalism projects at <http://www.datajournalismawards.org>. The competition is open to media companies, non-profit organisations, freelancers and individuals until 10 April 2012 (see the dedicated website). The six winning projects will be announced by jury members at the annual News World Summit (NEWS!) being held in Paris, France, from 30 May to 01 June 2012 and hosted by the Global Editors Network.

“At Google, we’re keen to help support and stimulate innovation in digital journalism,” said Peter Barron, Director of External Relations. “We see exciting possibilities of leveraging data to produce award-winning journalism.”

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Media partners of the Data Journalism Awards are the Online News Association, journalism.co.uk, OWNI, Wired Italy, AHREF and the Forum for African Investigative Reporters (*other media partners added later*).

### **About the Global Editors Network**

<http://www.globaleditorsnetwork.org>

Founded in 2011, the [Global Editors Network](#) (GEN) is the first non-profit, non-governmental association that brings together editors-in-chief and senior news executives from all platforms – print, digital, mobile and broadcast. By breaking down the barriers between traditional and new media, GEN aims to define an open journalism model for the future and to create new journalistic concepts and tools. GEN brings together like-minded people that are forward thinking and enthusiastic about defining tomorrow's journalism.

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### **Jury Members for the Data Journalism Awards:**

**Paul Steiger**, ProPublica, USA, President of the Jury

Members:

1. **Justin Arenstein**, African News Innovation Challenge
2. **Peter Barron**, Google, UK
3. **Wolfgang Blau**, Zeit Online, Germany
4. **Reginald Chua**, Data Editor, Thomson Reuters, Hong Kong
5. **Frederic Filloux**, Les Echos, France
6. **Joshua Hatch**, Online News Association, USA
7. **Aron Pilhofer**, New York Times, USA
8. **Paul Radu**, Investigative Journalism Association, Romania
9. **Gianina Segnini**, La Nacion, Costa-Rica.