

ProLitteris Cultural Fund

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**ProLitteris Award 2022:
The collecting society ProLitteris honors
outstanding journalism:**

Ekaterina Glikman and Federico Franchini

**Announcement for the award ceremony
on June 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in Lausanne**

At the end of June, ProLitteris will once again award an amount of 40,000 Swiss francs and a promotional award of 10,000 Swiss francs. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in literature and the arts: the fields of activity of the collecting society ProLitteris.

The award ceremony will take place after the General Assembly. There, ProLitteris presents stable earnings in the 2021 financial year and reduced administrative costs. The service will be expanded and offered in a new ProLitteris portal.

The winner of the main award, **Ekaterina Glikman**, was selected by an independent jury composed of personalities in journalism: Bettina Müller (RSI), Anja Konzett (Die Republik) and Gerhard Mack (NZZ). The Russian journalist works for the independent Russian newspaper "Novaya Gazeta". She lives in Switzerland after 20 years of increasingly difficult work in Moscow and works now as Deputy Editor of "Novaya Gazeta. Europe", an online edition that was launched by part of Novaya Gazeta's team 10 days after its Moscow office was forced to shut down on 28 March 2022 due to tightened censorship. The NZZ (article by Lucien Scherrer, <https://www.nzz.ch/feuilleton/angst-habe-ich-nur-um-meine-kollegen-wie-eine-russische-journalistin-gegen-putins-luegen-und-zensoren-kaempft-ld.1686330>), Blick.ch (article by Rebecca Wyss, <https://www.blick.ch/schweiz/russische-journalistin-ekaterina-glikman-42-in-der-schweiz-das-andere-gesicht-russlands-id17370514.html> incl. video), the Schaffhauser Arbeiterzeitung (article by Nora Leutert, <https://www.shaz.ch/2022/04/30/gegen-die-propaganda>) and the Schweizer Illustrierte (article by René Haenig, <https://www.schweizer-illustrierte.ch/people/swiss-stars/ich-bin-eine-russin-mit-gebrochenem-herzen>) recently wrote about the committed journalist.

As the recipient of the main award, it was up to Ekaterina Glikman to choose the winner of the promotional award. Based on suggestions from the jury, she chose **Federico Franchini**, a journalist based in Lugano. His focus is on Switzerland as a hub of international trade and on the related problems.

The award winners will be present at the award ceremony following the ProLitteris General Assembly:

**Fondation de Beaulieu, Centre de Congrès, Lausanne.
General Assembly 13.30, Award Ceremony 15.00.**

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