Called in 1902 to the chair of Political Economy at the University of Geneva and founder in 1908 of the journal “The Annals of collective economy”, Edgard Milhaud - though his writings and work at the International Labour Office (I.L.O.) – aimed at a better economic and social organisation in the world, as a way of ensuring lasting peace.

At the age of 75 years, Edgard Milhaud wants to ensure the sustainability of the scientific journal. In 1947, with the assistance of Swiss friends, Milhaud created CIRIEC, a research and information centre which would be entitled to undertake investigations in various countries. He even dreamed of the possibility of a development towards a non-governmental international association where socio-economical problems could be freely discussed, like the International Association for Social Progress formed on the fringes of the I.L.O.

**Article 1- The « Edgard Milhaud » Prize**

To commemorate its founder, the International Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC) established in 2008 the biennial ‘Edgard Milhaud’ International Prize. The organization of this Prize is now under the responsibility of the Edgard Milhaud Foundation founded by CIRIEC in 2017.

The "Edgard Milhaud" Prize aims to encourage and crown the work of a young researcher or expert on a theme of interest to CIRIEC, linked to the theme of CIRIEC’s biennial congresses. The goal of the Prize is to incite young people to actively engage into CIRIEC and/or to get interested in the sectors and activities that are object of investigation within CIRIEC. CIRIEC focuses on economic sectors and activities oriented towards the service of the general and collective interest:

- action by the State and the local and regional public authorities in economic fields (economic policy, regulation);
- public utilities and services of general interest as well as public and mixed enterprises at the national, regional and municipal levels;
- the so-called "social economy" (not-for-profit economy, cooperatives, mutuals, and non-profit organizations); etc.

The 2022 theme is “New global dynamics in the post-Covid era: challenges for the public, social and cooperative economy”.

**Article 2- The Jury**

The Jury awarding the Prize is chaired by Mr. José Luis MONZÓN, Universidad de Valencia, Executive Director of CIRIEC-España.

Apart from the president, the Jury is composed of the following members:

- Philippe BANCE, President of the International Scientific Council, University of the French Antilles, CIRIEC-France
- Marie J. BOUCHARD, President of the International Scientific Commission "Social and Cooperative Economy", Université du Québec in Montréal, CIRIEC-Canada
- Marco MARINI, Editor of the Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics, Università di Roma La Sapienza, Italia
- Marietta BUCHELI, Doctor in Management, Director of the Journal of Rural Development, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, CIRIEC-Colombia
- Rafael CHAVES AVILA, Universidad de Valencia, President of the Scientific Commission of CIRIEC-España
Article 3 – Nomination and selection of the award winner

The procedures for nominating candidates and election of the award winner will take place as follows:

3.1 – Criteria for candidates’ selection

- The prize is open to young researchers (in principle aged less than 35 years) having realized a recent doctoral thesis around the proposed topic (see also the breakdown of the general theme in thematic workshops). Moreover, the candidates are requested to show their interest in CIRIEC’s activities by stating what contribution they could bring to enrich CIRIEC’s work.
- The selection criteria are:
  - scientific quality
  - societal relevance and spin-off effects.
- The candidates will be proposed by the national sections and/or the members of CIRIEC.
- A screening will be done by each national section of CIRIEC for candidates at their national level. Each CIRIEC national section or member may propose a maximum of 2 candidates per country.

3.2 - Technical aspects

- The secretariat of CIRIEC will launch the nomination procedure of the candidates on CIRIEC’s website and will disseminate the information through its network.
- The nomination proposals are to be sent by December 15, 2021 at the latest to the international secretariat of CIRIEC (postal address: CIRIEC, Université de Liège au Sart-Tilman, Quartier Agora, Place des Orateurs 1, Bât. B 33, bte 6, BE - 4000 Liège, Belgium - e-mail: ciriec@uliege.be) where additional information can be obtained.
- Proposals for nomination should include a motivation letter mentioning the involvement of the candidate within CIRIEC network and the curriculum vitae (CV) of the candidate. The CV should highlight the recent achievements of the candidate. In addition, a copy of the candidate’s work must be provided for evaluation.
- A summary of 10 pages needs to be provided in English, as well as an ‘executive summary’ (2 pages) which is expected to be shorter and specifically aimed for practitioners.

Article 4 – The Prize

The Prize will be awarded every two years (even years) at the occasion of CIRIEC international congresses.

The winner will be awarded a prize of 7,500 euro in 2022. This amount will be paid in two instalments; a first installment of 5,000 € will be given at the occasion of the Congress 2022 and a second installment of 2,500 € after realization of a written contribution valuable by CIRIEC.

Article 5 – Award of the Prize

The 2022 Prize will be awarded at CIRIEC’s 33rd International Congress (13-15 June 2022 in Valencia, Spain). The Edgard Milhaud Prize will be handed over to the Prize-winner by the President of the Edgard Milhaud Foundation and the President of CIRIEC, in presence of possible sponsors.

The winner will also be asked to take part in CIRIEC’s activities in his/her own country.