

# Awards and honours Award regulations

## **Bronze Cross of Merit**



The Bronze Cross of Merit can be awarded to Shooting Brothers and Sisters who have promoted European integration in their work for brotherhoods, guilds and Schutterrijen.

Applications may be submitted by the presidents, chairpersons or brotherhood leaders of the respective societies, the regional associations and the region.

The application must be made using the form "Application for an EGS award" and must be completed in full.

The application must be submitted to the regional secretary via the relevant association.

The decision on the award is made by the regional board or the EGS Presidium. The award is presented in an appropriate setting by a member of the regional executive committee or a member of the EGS presidium.

### **Silver Cross of Merit**



The Silver Cross of Merit may be awarded to Shooting Brothers and Sisters who have made a special contribution to European integration or who have rendered outstanding services to the EGS.

The presidents, chairpersons or brotherhood leaders of the respective societies, the associations in the regions and the region are eligible to submit nominations.

The form "Application for an EGS award" must be used and completed in full for the application.

The application must be submitted to the regional secretary via the relevant association.

The bronze award must have been awarded at least three years prior to the nomination.

In justified and exceptional cases, the region and the EGS Presidium may deviate from this rule.

The decision on the award is made by the regional board or the EGS Presidium.

The award is presented in an appropriate setting by a member of the regional board or a member of the EGS Presidium.

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### **Gold Cross of Merit**



The Gold Cross of Merit may be awarded to Shooting Brothers and Sisters who have made a special contribution to European integration or to the interests of the EGS at a supraregional level, or who have acted in accordance with the EGS's principles through outstanding individual achievements in a specific EGS activity.

The presidents, chairpersons or brotherhood leaders of the respective societies, the associations in the regions and the region are eligible to submit nominations. The nomination shall be submitted to the EGS Presidium, for the attention of the General Secretary, via the Regional Secretary. The Regional Secretaries shall merely make a recommendation. The decision rests with the EGS Presidium.

The form "Application for an EGS award" must be used and completed in full for the application.

The prerequisite for this award is possession of the Silver Cross of Merit, which must have been awarded at least three years previously.

In justified exceptional cases, the EGS Presidium may deviate from this rule.

The decision on the award of the distinction is made by the EGS Presidium.

The award is presented by a member of the EGS Executive Committee.

## **Additional provisions:**

The EGS Presidium or the members of the Presidium are entitled to submit nominations at any time.

Only the Presidium may award persons outside the EGS for special services to the EGS in an appropriate form. However, the award may then only be presented by a member of the Executive Presidium.

Resolution passed at the EGS plenary meeting on 5 April 2025 in Udenhout.