



Europe in My Region 2014 Photo Competition

Rules

1. Theme of the competition

The European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy hereby invites you to participate in the Europe in My Region Facebook Photo Competition, to showcase projects around Europe which receive EU funding.

2. How to enter

Participants may enter the Competition by uploading their entries to the Europe in My Region Facebook application ("Facebook Application") on the European Commission's Facebook page.

3. Eligibility

The Competition is open to EU residents aged 18 or above. Employees and immediate relatives of employees of the promoter or of its respective parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies or any other person connected with this competition are excluded from participation. See point 4 of the Terms & Conditions.

You do not have to be a professional photographer.

4. Entries

Participants may submit a maximum of three entries. Any photo showing an EU-funded project within a member state of the European Union is eligible provided the EU flag and funding information is clearly visible somewhere in the picture.

Entries that are offensive, defamatory or obscene, or that disclose unnecessary personal information will also be rejected from the competition. Composite images are not eligible.

5. Copyright

All entries must be original work and the participant must either be the sole owner or the transferee of the copyright.

By entering the competition, participants retain full copyright of their images. However, participants also agree to be bound by Facebook legal terms (<https://www.facebook.com/legal/terms>). Participants also grant the Directorate General for Regional Policy the right to publish and exhibit uploaded photographs. No fee will be payable to the Directorate-General for Regional Policy for this use.

Participants must obtain written consent from any individuals aged 18 or above who are identifiable in a photograph. Participants taking a photograph of anyone under 18 must ensure that they obtain the written consent of that child's parent/guardian. It is the participants' responsibility to ensure that the necessary consent has been obtained. Participants must retain all release forms obtained as they may be asked to prove that consent has been given. Download the release form [here](#).

Participants should retain the original digital file/negative of their entry as they may be asked to prove ownership of the work, as well as providing the promoter with the photo in the highest possible resolution.

6. Moderation

All photos are checked to make sure that they meet the competition rules before being accepted into the gallery. Once a photo has been reviewed, participants will receive an email with notification of whether it has been accepted or rejected.

7. Entry period

Entries may be submitted to the competition at any time during the period 12 June 2014 to 25 August 2014, 12:00pm Central European Summer Time.

8. Selection of winners

Three winners will be selected by a jury comprised of three photography professionals.

i. Votes:

Voting begins on 27 August and ends on 8 September 2014, 12:00pm Central European Summer Time. Users accessing the application will be asked to vote for their favourite entries by checking the vote button.

Users will be able to vote for a maximum of three entries.

ii. Jury selection:

The jury will consist of three people independent from the European Commission.

The 100 photos which have received the most votes will be entered into the jury selection alongside 50 'wildcard' photos from the competition chosen by the jury. From this pool, the jury will select three winners.

The selection of the 50 'wildcard' photos and of the final three winners will be based on the following criteria: aesthetic quality, creativity and relevance to the competition theme. The jury's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into on its decision. At the end of the jury selection period, the three jury winners will be notified by email. Each photo that enters the final selection should be made available in high resolution otherwise it may be disqualified.

9. Cheating

Please compete fairly and respect your fellow participants. Any participant reasonably suspected of cheating, including but not limited to the unfair acquisition of votes, will be disqualified from the competition and their entries removed.

No correspondence will be entered into on this matter.

10. Prizes

Each winner will receive:

- 1 000 EUR to spend on digital camera equipment; and,
- A two night trip to Brussels for two people, including travel and accommodation, between 6 to 9 October 2014.

Travel to Brussels will be possible during the specified dates only. The winners must be available to visit the 'Open Days - European Week of Regions and Cities' event during these dates to pick up their prize. Winners who are unable to visit Brussels during these dates will receive the 1 000 EUR prize only.

11. Acceptance of Competition Rules

By entering the competition, the participants agree to be bound by the Competition Rules, including assurances on the copyright of entries.