

# BE OUR GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER!

## Rules

*"BE OUR GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER!"* is a project organised by the Web Communication Unit for the EP website. Each month, the project will be built around one topic of great importance, topicality and impact within the European Union. The start and end of the project will be announced by a special article each month on the EP web page and EP social media platforms.

The project will be open to all EU residents, aged 18 or older, regardless of profession, on condition that they conform to the rules, in particular that they possess the copyright for their photos and that they grant the European Parliament the right to use them for non-commercial purposes on the EP web page and EP social media platforms.

By sending the application form, the participant agrees to be bound by the following rules, including any subsequent modifications that may be deemed necessary, for example, in the case of "force majeure".

## 1 Eligibility

- The participant must be an EU resident, aged 18 or older.

### 1.1 Copyright

- The submitted photo must be an original work authored by the participant.
- The participant declares and warrants that:
  - the material is their own
  - no one else apart from the participant has copyright or any intellectual property right on the submitted photo
  - the submitted work does not infringe the copyright or intellectual property rights of someone else.
- The participant hereby grants the European Parliament a non-exclusive right to use the submitted photo free of any charge for non-commercial purposes for the EP web page and social media platforms.
- The participant remains the owner of the copyright of the submitted work(s).
- The photo will be credited appropriately each time it is reproduced or communicated to the public by the European Parliament. The participant may decide how (s)he wants to be credited (see the application form).
- The participant declares and warrants that (s)he has received permission from all persons appearing in the photo that the photo can be published.
- If the winning photo contains recognisable images of children, the photographer will be asked to send a model release form, signed by the parents or the legal guardian of the minor, giving authorisation for the use of the photo.

## 2 Project period

The project will begin on Friday 9 January 2015 and will take place every month until September (September including). The winner of the jury prize and public prize will be announced at the end of October 2015.

## 3 How to enter

Participants must register for the project by completing the official application form and submitting it by email only. Documents sent by post or by other means will not be taken into account in the selection procedure.

The participant must send his/her materials together with the application form to the e-mail address: [webcom-flickr@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:webcom-flickr@europarl.europa.eu), with the subject: "topic (topic of the month) entry". When sending the application, the participant is requested to ensure (s)he fills in the application form, adding the title for the image and a brief narrative description of what the image represents - no more than 100 words. The entries must also include the full name of the applicant, age, country of residence, a valid e-mail address where the applicant can be contacted and a short description of the participant.

The participant should keep copies of all materials submitted as entries will not be returned.

Each participant may enter a maximum of one photo per topic, unless otherwise instructed

All applicants are required to send their contribution as an attachment to the e-mail with a size of no more than 5 MB.

Each person wishing to enter must send a separate application.

## 4 Photo requirements

- The photo must be submitted digitally by email to: [webcom-flickr@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:webcom-flickr@europarl.europa.eu)
- Black and white or colour
- The photo has to be at least 72 dpi resolution, but 300 dpi is highly recommended
- Minimum dimension is 1024 pixels on the longer side (horizontal or vertical) but 2048 is highly recommended, up to 9933 pixel, in jpg format
- Maximum file size must not exceed 5 MB
- Contributions must have a title with the NAME and SURNAME of the participant (ex: Luca Lombardini\_EP Guest photographer.jpg)
- Contributions must have a title and include a short explanation of a maximum of 100 words.
- The photo may be edited and manipulated by the participant. This means that the presentation of the motif may be manipulated in colour or composition (montage, collage, retouching etc.) to differ from the original motif. Re-sharpening and correction of the tonal value is also permitted.

## 5 Data protection

Any personal data communicated to the European Parliament by the applicant during the selection process shall be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals<sup>1</sup> with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. They shall be processed solely for the purposes of the present project. The applicant shall have the right of access to his personal data and the right to rectify any such data that is inaccurate or incomplete. Should the applicant have any queries concerning the processing of his personal data, (s)he shall address them to [webcom-flickr@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:webcom-flickr@europarl.europa.eu).

The applicant agrees to use and publish on the European Parliament's website and EP social media platforms the data contained in the application form, in connection with the selected work, in the case where the applicant is selected as a winner.

Participants must be able to provide proof of their identity, age and place of residence in such a way that the Parliament can check and punish any breach of the rules.

## **6 Selection committee**

The project will be judged by our special editorial committee, together with our photo editors.

## **7 Award**

The monthly winner will be notified by email and an article and photo of the winner, as well as the winning photo, will be published on the EP website and social media platforms. At the end of the contest an overall winner will be chosen by the jury. Throughout the competition the public will be able to vote for their favourite photo from the best 10 of each month, the photo with the most likes will be the winner of the public prize. Both winners will receive an invitation to make a photo-reportage during the November plenary session in Strasbourg. Please note that winners will not be employed by any means by the EP, nor remunerated for their work. However, the European Parliament will support all costs for the winners' participation in the plenary (travel expenses, accommodation, etc).

## **8 Limitation of liability**

The European Parliament declines any responsibility for the content of the submitted works. Only the participant shall be held liable for any infringement of third parties' rights.

Under no circumstances will the European Parliament be held responsible for direct or indirect damages that could result as a consequence of participation in this project, nor for any financial reward.

If the project is delayed, cancelled, or interrupted either partly or entirely, for reasons other than the wishes of the European Parliament, the latter will not be held responsible in any way.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/tools/disclaimer/documents/l\\_00820010112fr00010022.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/tools/disclaimer/documents/l_00820010112fr00010022.pdf)

## **9 Various**

The European Parliament reserves the right to reject a registration if it does not abide by the rules or if the work submitted is obscene or affects the rights of other people.

This project is subject to Belgian laws.

If there is a dispute that cannot be resolved amicably, Belgian courts will deal with it.