



## Europe in My Region 2013 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.

#### 4. Entries

Participants may submit a maximum of three entries. Any photo depicting 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. Entries comprised of more than one image will also be ineligible.

#### 5. Copyright

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

In 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 17 June 2013 to 23 August 2013, 12:00 Central European Summer Time.

## **8. Selection of winners**

Four winners will be selected, one by popular vote and three by jury.

### **i. Popular vote:**

The popular vote will take place during the period 26 August - 6 September 2013. 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.

At the end of this period, the winner of the popular vote will be notified by email.

### **ii. Jury selection:**

The jury selection will take place after the popular vote. The jury will consist of three people independent from the European Commission.

The 100 photos which have received the most votes, excluding the winner of the popular vote, will be entered into the jury selection alongside an extra 50 photos from the competition chosen by the jury. From this pool, the jury will select three winners.

The selection of the 50 extra 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.

## **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 7 to 10 October 2013.

Travel to Brussels will be possible during the specified dates only. The winners must be available to visit the '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.