

Official rules of the Photo competition 2016

Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria - Serbia Programme

Organizer: The competition is organized by the Joint Secretariat of the Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Serbia Programme (hereinafter referred to as “the Organizer”) together with the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The competition themes:

- 1. Food and culinary traditions** in the cross-border region;
- 2. Music and dance** in the cross-border region;
- 3. Biodiversity** of the cross-border region.

How to enter: All entries need to be sent by e-mail to the following e-mail address: bgrsphoto@yahoo.com

When sending photos, please specify the category under which you apply, and your contact details.

For multiple high-quality photos we recommend you use one of the file sharing platforms such as Dropbox.

Eligibility:

- The photos need to be made in the Bulgaria-Serbia cross-border region, including:
 - ✓ For Bulgaria, the districts of: Vidin, Montana, Vratsa, Sofia, Pernik, and Kyustendil;
 - ✓ For Serbia, the districts of: Bor, Zajecar, Nisava, Toplica, Pirot, Jablanica, Pcinja.
- Photos must be in electronic format: JPEG, minimum width of 800 pixels. Photos can be edited and filters applied. However, entries must comprise of one image only. Entries comprised of photo collages or images with additional elements (watermarks, text, etc.) will be rejected;
- Entries that are offensive, defamatory or obscene, or that disclose unnecessary personal information will be rejected from the competition;
- There is no limit on the number of photos one participant can submit;
- You do not have to be a professional photographer in order to enter the competition.

Copyright: All entries must be original work and the participant must be the sole owner of the copyright. By entering the competition, participants retain full copyright of their images **but also grant the Organizer the full right to publish and exhibit the provided photographs.**

Entry period: Entries may be submitted to the competition at any time **during the period between the 28th of July 2016 and the 28th of August 2016**, 24:00 Eastern European Summer Time (GMT+3).

Selection of winners: A jury of Programme experts will select the finalists and upload them to the Programme Facebook page. Public voting for the best photos will be done during the period between the 1st of September 2016 and the 7th of September 2016, 24:00 pm Eastern European Summer Time (GMT+3), through the Programme Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bgrsipacbc.eu. Finalist photos which receive the highest number of “Likes” in this period will be declared the winners.

One person can win only one award in all the categories. If one person receives sufficient number of votes for winning an award in more than one category, s/he will be awarded for his/her highest ranking photo

Prizes: Three winners will be selected under each category: the first, second, and third place. All the winning photos will be featured on the Programme website and Programme Facebook page. The awarding ceremony will take place during the European Cooperation day 2016 celebration, which will take place in Dupnitsa, Bulgaria, on the 17th of September 2016. The winners who are not able to attend the celebration in Dupnitsa will have an opportunity to receive their prizes at the Joint Secretariat offices in Sofia, Bulgaria, or Nis, Serbia.

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.