



Forests for Society

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE “FORESTS FOR SOCIETY” PHOTO CONTEST

Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, known as FOREST EUROPE, represented by its secretariat Liaison Unit Bratislava (hereinafter as “LUB”) organizes the online photo contest called “Forests for Society” (hereinafter as “the contest”) published on the website: <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>.

1. SCOPE:

International. All photographs must demonstrate forests and other wooded land in the pan-European region, more specifically, in FOREST EUROPE signatory countries. List of FOREST EUROPE signatory countries is available at <https://foresteurope.org/list-signatory-countries/>.

2. DURATION:

The contest will run from 05 May 2020 to 31 July 2020.

3. ENTRANTS:

Anyone over 18 years of age may enter the contest, except for employees of LUB, and the relatives thereof. LUB reserves the right to check and investigate any entry in order to ensure that all the necessary rights are respected. Should LUB decide to investigate an entry or application to participate in accordance with the above, the Entrant concerned shall provide all relevant information and make every effort to cooperate with LUB. Otherwise, they will be automatically disqualified.

4. MECHANISM OF THE CONTEST:

- a. To participate in the contest it is a prerequisite to be registered on the contest website: <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>. By registering, users accept these Terms and Conditions (published also on the contest website) regarding issues relating to privacy, data protection and intellectual property. Each user will receive a confirmation email at the email account provided in the registration. Without this validation by LUB, registration is void. Registration is free of charge.
- b. All photographs must demonstrate forests and other wooded land in the pan-European region, more specifically, in FOREST EUROPE signatory countries. List of FOREST EUROPE signatory countries is available at <https://foresteurope.org/list-signatory-countries/>.
- c. Each user can upload up to five photos. The photos must be uploaded via registration form on the contest website <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>.
- d. The minimum requirements to be met for uploaded photo are 150dpi, optimally 300dpi.



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e. The central theme of the common content for the contest is described below:

“In the past, two editions of the FOREST EUROPE photo contest took place. First with the general theme – show off your forests took place in 2013. In 2014, more specific topic was released – show us how forests protect us and how we can protect them. On the occasion of the 8th Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, Liaison Unit Bratislava intends to organize the third edition of the photo contest, under the theme “Forests for Society” to raise awareness about the social aspect of forests – how the forests support us in our daily life, to showcase the necessity to maintain a balance between multiple environmental, economic and social forest functions. Contest participant should upload photos capturing people in forests, utilizing the forests, supporting forest workers, forest villagers and all society enjoying the forest benefits.”

f. LUB reserves the right to check and investigate any photo registered in order to ensure that all the necessary rights are respected. The photos will be uploaded to the contest gallery within 24 hours after receiving a confirmation email at the email account provided in the registration.

g. At the end of the voting period, whose deadline is 31 July 2020 at 23:59 PM UTC, voting by the professional panel will take place. The winners will be announced on the contest website on 17 August 2020 for both, public voting and professional panel.

5. SYSTEM FOR CHOOSING THE WINNING ENTRIES: VOTING

Contest winners will be chosen in two categories – first from public voting and second by professional panel.

Once the winning entries have been selected, LUB reserves the right to request the original uncompressed files for the final check of the requirements demanded for participating works.

a. Public voting

Public voting will take place on Facebook. Each photo registered on the contest website that will meet the Conditions from para 3 and 4 of these Terms and Conditions, will be listed in the photo gallery on the contest website: <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>.

The photo will be linked through the “Like” button to the Facebook album, where the public voting will take place. With this, every person can vote for one photo only once.

At the end of the voting period, the 3 photos with most public votes (likes) on Facebook will be selected as winners.

b. Professional panel

The members of the panel will be published on the contest website in July. The panel will be formed by renowned professionals with extensive experience in the audio-visual and forestry sectors.

The professional panel will view all photos registered on the contest website that will meet the Conditions from para 3 and 4 of these Terms and Conditions. Their decision, subject to the theme of the contest, will be based on three key criteria: quality, originality and creativity.

The decision of the professional panel is final.



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6. PRIZES FOR WINNING ENTRIES

A single winner cannot receive two prizes. In no event may prizes be paid in the form of cash.

List of prizes (also available at contest website <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>):

PRIZE	PRODUCT	ECONOMIC VALUE
<i>1st Place Public Voting</i>	<i>Smart watch Xiaomi Amazfit GTR 47mm</i>	<i>168 Euros</i>
<i>2nd Place Public Voting</i>	<i>Backpack Quadra SLX®-Lite</i>	<i>53 Euros</i>
<i>3rd Place Public Voting</i>	<i>Swiss army knife Victorinox Forester Wood</i>	<i>53 Euros</i>
<i>1st Place Professional Panel</i>	<i>Smart watch Xiaomi Amazfit GTR 47mm</i>	<i>168 Euros</i>
<i>2nd Place Professional Panel</i>	<i>Backpack Quadra SLX®-Lite</i>	<i>53 Euros</i>
<i>3rd Place Professional Panel</i>	<i>Swiss army knife Victorinox Forester Wood</i>	<i>53 Euros</i>

7. PUBLIC VOTE PRIZE DRAW

A prize draw will be held among all users who took place in public voting on Facebook between 05 May 2020 and 31 July 2020 at 23:59PM UTC. The prize draw will take place on 10 August 2020. LUB will draw one name from all those names who took place in public voting and the person will receive a prize.

List of prizes for the public vote prize draw:

PRIZE	PRODUCT	ECONOMIC VALUE
<i>Public Vote Prize Draw</i>	<i>Backpack Canvas</i>	<i>63 Euros</i>

8. ANOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS AND DELIVERY OF PRIZES

LUB will communicate any news about the contest through the contest website: <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>, the FOREST EUROPE website (<http://foresteurope.org>) and the official social networks of FOREST EUROPE on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FORESTEUROPE/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/FORESTEUROPE>).

LUB will announce the complete list of winners on the contest website on 17 August 2020. LUB will also contact each winner by email at the email address provided during the registration.

Winners have a period of seven calendar days to accept the prize. This acceptance must be made by email replying to the LUB communication.

After that period, if there is no communication from the winners, the prizes will be given to the reserves. If the incident is repeated the prize may be declared void and LUB may use it as it deems appropriate.

The cost of postage of the prizes shall be borne by LUB.

Under no circumstance may the prizes contained in this promotion be subject to change or alteration at the request of the contestants.



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9. GUARANTEES

Entrants declare and assure that they are the author of the photograph, the legitimate owner of all property rights thereon and have full or shared and unlimited right to use or assign such rights.

The photograph shall not infringe the rights of others or violate the ethical code of FOREST EUROPE. In any event, LUB reserves the right not to publish any photographs it deems inappropriate because they violate any of the aspects included in these rules. LUB assumes that the author of the work has the authorization and/or permission of any persons appearing in the photos submitted, the author bearing all liability relating to the right to privacy.

Entrants warrant and are liable to LUB for compliance with the provisions on Intellectual Property and image rights regarding the photographs submitted, declaring that their dissemination and/or reproduction in the context of the competition and these rules does not injure or harm any third parties and personally assuming any liability that may arise therefrom.

Entrants assure LUB that they know and expressly accept all the Terms and Conditions of the “Forests for Society” photo contest and any amendment thereto that LUB has published in the media of FOREST EUROPE until the end date of the contest and declare that the photographs they submit to the Contest comply strictly with the requirements set forth in these Terms and Conditions of the Contest.

10. COMPENSATION

Since LUB acts in good faith within the scope of the rights conferred on it by the Entrant in connection with the photos submitted, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, each entrant agrees to compensate LUB for any expenses arising from any administrative or judicial claim filed against it by a third party.

11. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

The authors of the submitted photographs assign to LUB the non-exclusive, non-profit and royalty-free right of use, dissemination, distribution, public communication, reproduction and exhibition of the photos submitted.

Entrants therefore authorize LUB to reproduce, use and disseminate their name and surname, in any promotional activity that is related to the contest in any media including the Internet, without such activities granting them the right to any remuneration or any benefit other than the prize awarded under these rules.

12. DATA PROTECTION

LUB ensures full and complete compliance with the obligations established in the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR). LUB undertakes, therefore, to protect the privacy of the Entrants and will only use their personal data in the context of this contest.



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The personal data consisting of the name and surname, country and e-mail address of entrants will become part of a database owned by LUB, in order to manage the contest, deliver the prizes won and send communications with news about the contest. These data may also be transferred to any of the FOREST EUROPE signatory countries for organizing future editions of the contest.

13. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Employees of LUB, or their first degree relatives, or any other person involved in the design, organization, development and/or implementation of the contest may not enter the contest.

All data entered by the entrant must be truthful. In the event that the entrant has provided false information or data pertaining to another person, their entry will not be considered and will be excluded from the promotion and eligibility for a prize. It is strictly forbidden to provide details of a third party without their consent. Only one entry per person will be accepted, any entries that exceed this limit being excluded.

The use of robotic and computer media to fraudulently increase the number of votes will result in immediate disqualification of the entrant.

The request for votes involving payment of money, payment in kind, or other incentives (e.g. votes in other events) will also be grounds for disqualification. Thus, LUB reserves the right to check for forgeries, fictitious users, bots, automation systems, etc. A user is considered malicious and may therefore be excluded from the promotion and have any votes he/she has issued deleted when it becomes apparent that he/she is carrying out the activities related to the promotion of an unnatural or artificial way such as by:

- The use of bots or automated systems that post on the website without the express control of the user.
- The use of non-legitimate accounts opened for registering to the contest.
- During the term of the promotion, LUB will conduct a thorough review of the participation of users, eliminating any that do not comply with the conditions of these rules, especially the provisions of this section.

Waiver of the prize does not entitle the entrant to compensation.

The claims period ends seven calendar days after the announcement of the contest winners (17 August 2020).

The mere fact of entering this contest implies acceptance of the rules thereof.

LUB reserves the right to change the terms of this contest, if necessary, for other similar ones, provided this does not adversely affect the entrants, announcing any such changes on the contest website or any of the social media of FOREST EUROPE.

14. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

The mere fact of entering the contest implies full acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. Entrants assure LUB that they know and expressly accept all the Terms and Conditions of the “Forests for Society” photo contest and any amendment thereto that has been published until the end date of the contest on the website: <https://foresteurope.org/competition/>.