



## Official rules of the Photo competition 2015

### Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme

**Organizer:** The competition is organized by the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Bulgaria-Serbia IPA Cross-border 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. **Tourism** in the cross-border region;
2. **Youth** in the cross-border region;
3. **Environment** of the cross-bored region.

**How to enter:** All entries need to be sent by e-mail to the following e-mail address: [bgrsphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:bgrsphoto@yahoo.com)

#### **Eligibility**

- The photos need to be made in the Bulgaria-Serbia cross-border region, including:
  - ✓ For Bulgaria, the districts of: Vidin, Montana, Vratsa, Sofia, Sofia-city, 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. However, **by entering the competition, the participants also grants 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2015, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2015 and the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, 24:00 pm Eastern European Summer Time (GMT+3), through the Programme Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/bgrsipacbceu](http://www.facebook.com/bgrsipacbceu). Finalist photos which receive the highest number of "Likes" in this period will be declared the winners.

**Prizes:** Three winners will be selected under each category: the first, second, and third place. All the wining photos will be featured on the Programme web site and Programme Facebook page. The awarding ceremony will take place during the European Cooperation day 2015 celebration, which will take place in Kyustendil, Bulgaria, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2015. The winners who are not able to attend the celebration in Kyustendil will have an opportunity to receive their prizes at the Joint Technical Secretariat offices in Sofia, Bulgaria, and/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.