**PHOTO CONTEST**

Your campus, your perspective!

---- **CONTEST RULES** ----

**ORGANIZATION**

The Erasmus+ Project IamSTUDENT is organizing a free-of-charge photo contest to promote a shared sense of identity between the students of the EU-CONEXUS.

The Photo Contest will take place online, under the Terms and Conditions defined below.

**Deadline for photo submissions:** 10 November 2024

**Voting:** 18-14 November 2024

The photo contest is announced on the EU-CONEXUS’ official website <https://www.eu-conexus.eu/en/university-photo-contest/>  and on the social networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram).

**GOAL OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this competition is to allow students to express themselves and capture in the most creative way the student life in the 8 partner universities of the **IamSTUDENT** Erasmus+ Project.

The goal of the competition is for students, faculty and staff to get acquainted with the EU-CONEXUS community and start building a shared sense of identity.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The photo contest is open to all enrolled students (Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Master and PhD students) in all partner Universities of the **IamSTUDENT partnership** (LRUniv, UCV, KU, UNIZD, UTCB, SETU, FredU, AUA) 8 universities.

The contest is open for online submissions only, through the [contest page available](https://www.eu-conexus.eu/en/wild-bird-photo-contest/) here <https://www.eu-conexus.eu/en/university-photo-contest/>*.*

Each participant can **submit only one photograph**. Participation is strictly personal, and the entrant cannot enter the contest on behalf of another person.

Pictures that contain: nudity, hate, discrimination, racism, violence, alcohol, drugs, political opinion, defamatory, offensive, pornographic, insulting, unlawful or contrary to good morals, won't be eligible to participate in the contest and be disqualified from participating.

IamSTUDENT Erasmus+ Project reserves the right to disqualify any entry and/or be stripped of any prize(s), and/or banned from entering future contests if it is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated standards.

**PHOTO GUIDELINES (COMPOSITION & FORMAT)**

1. All participants must be able to provide a high-resolution image that, if selected, can be printed on different mediums for exhibitions**.** The photo should be in high resolution **(at least 2480 x 3720 and minimum 300 dpi).**
2. Photo formats accepted are **.jpg**or **.png.**
3. Orientation can be either portrait or landscape.
4. The photo file submitted must be named with the photographer’s name and surname, followed by the photo title (for example Name\_Surname\_Title.jpg).
5. Only minor modifications to the photographs will be accepted including cropping, brightness, contrast and minor colour correction.  Any extensive editing is not permitted.
6. The following will not be accepted
7. blurry, low resolution and unclear photos,
8. photos with watermarks, dates, stamps, or any other information that is not part of the original photo,
9. photos stretched horizontally or vertically.
10. Participants who do not meet the eligibility criteria will be removed from the contest.
11. The content of your images must be in accordance with the University’s code of conduct.
12. Originality: submissions must be original work. Plagiarism is not allowed.
13. You must have the permission to take photos of individuals, and their permission to enter the photo into the contest (see Image Authorisation and Consent section)

**IMAGE AUTHORISATION AND CONSENT**

In accordance with data protection regulations, the treatment of images should be carried out with respect for the person. If faces or images from third people appears on the photo that could reveal their identities, the participant has the responsibility to have the image authorisation and consent, before uploading the photo to our contest website.

The consent could be granted by the Image Authorisation we facilitate (Annex 1) or by written proof that can be authenticated by the identity concerned, e-mail and/or paper signed with ID card.

By uploading the pictures on the website and accepting the GDPR box, the participant accepts the responsibility to have all the consents gathered.

**WINNERS**

As an international photo contest, involving several countries from the UE, up to 8 countries, the organisation has decided to award 1 winning prize per country/partner university.

Thus, there will be 8 winners maximum, and among these winners, one will be awarded as the international winner with bigger prize value, and the remaining winners will be national winners with different prize value.

**VOTING AND EVALUATION**

Photographs submitted will be evaluated by **two separate voting process.**

**The first process** is an open-to-all voting via our website, which will determine the local/national winners during one week.

Everybody can vote only one favourite photo one time, through the website <https://www.eu-conexus.eu/en/university-photo-contest/> . The voter should fill in their contact info, so we can avoid fake votes.

During this first voting period, 8 pictures will be selected, 1 picture per partner university, and they will be rated by receiving votes: the most voted picture per partner university, 8 semi-final selections.

These 8 pictures will pass to the second process for selecting the international winner.

**The second process** is internal voting among the Representatives of the 8 Universities participating in the IamSTUDENT Erasmus+ Project. Each university will not evaluate their national winner, each university jury members will evaluate a total of 7 pictures/photos.

The results of the competition will be announced by e-mail to the winners at the email address provided during entry. The results will be made official on the EU-CONEXUS webpage and social media.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The evaluation will take into account the following points, rating them from 1 to 5 points:

* Creativity
* Relevance with the topic
* Quality
* European Values

**TIMELINE**

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| **DATE** | **ACTION** |
| 14 October | Open call for submissions |
| 10 November | Deadline for submissions |
| 11-13 November | Reviewing eligible photos |
| 13 -18 November\* | Eligible photos will be upload on the website for voting |
| 18 – 30 November\* | 1st Public Voting period for the national winners |
| 9-10 December\* | 2nd voting with the grid for the international winner |
| 11 December\*  | Winner announcement |

*\*Dates could be rearranged due to organisational matters.*

**PRIZE(S)**

The prize awarded by IamSTUDENT may not be contested, exchanged for another prize or for their cash value, replaced, resold, transferred or reimbursed in whole or in part.

* The International Winner will receive a prize to the value of 150 euro (the respective university will decide the kind).
* The most voted photo from each university will also receive a prize to the value of 100 euro each (7 winners-the respective university will decide the kind).
* Nature/category of the prize could be different in each country: cash, electronic devices, stationary, etc. Consult your university.

All decisions are final.

The 8 winners will receive only one prize; double prize from national and international phase cannot be granted to the same student.

It is hereby specified that IamSTUDENT declines all responsibility for any incidents and/or damages of any kind that may arise from the enjoyment of the prize awarded and/or from their use. It is recalled that IamSTUDENT will not provide any guarantee or assistance services, as the prizes consist solely of the delivery of the prize as described above.

**IMPORTANT:** IamSTUDENT *reserves the right to modify the contest prize and its rules and regulations as and when necessary, without prior notice.*

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Each participant in the photo contest certifies that they are the sole copyright-holder of the submitted photographs and they are original to them. The participant has full power to authorize the use of the photographs.

Each participant in the photo contest certifies that all submitted photographs do not violate or infringe on any existing copyright or any other third-party rights and contain nothing otherwise unlawful.

The participant grants for free to the organizers the worldwide non-exclusive right for the whole term of copyright, to use, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, reproduce, adapt, publish or distribute and redistribute the photographs in full or part for purposes of promoting IamSTUDENT Project or for any other lawful purpose and communicate to the public, worldwide, in any language in printed and electronic format, the whole or any part of the submitted photos.

The participant understands and agrees that the submitted materials will become the property of IamSTUDENT Project and will not be returned. In addition, the participant waives the right to inspect or approve any finished products, whether in written or electronic form. The participant waives any right to royalties, payment or other consideration arising from or related to the use of the photo(s).

**DATA PROTECTION (GDPR)**

The information provided by the participants may be used for data processing, excluding commercial or political use.

The students benefit from the right to access, rectify, and remove data about themselves by making a formal request to the Organizer of the photo contest. Participants may request to be omitted or removed from the contest before the closing date of the submission.

**LIABILITY**

No visual elements of another party (affecting privacy or image rights) may appear in the images. If the photographs show people, participants must obtain permission from them.

Photographs must not contain elements that are defamatory, offensive, pornographic, racist, insulting, unlawful or contrary to good morals.

You hereby hold harmless, release, indemnify and discharge IamSTUDENT and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents and their employees, officers and representatives from all liability, claims, judgments, demands, controversies, agreements, damages, actions and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related in any way to the contest or the conduct of the contest and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded, whether in law or in equity, no matter what the cause or nature, and you further waive any claims that you may state or assert against IamSTUDENT in association with the competition or any of its associated activities, or in any way related to or resulting from the contest even if such injury or claims results from or is caused by the negligence or gross negligence of IamSTUDENT, in whole or in part, due to human error or otherwise. You further agree to indemnify and hold harmless IamSTUDENT from any claim arising out of your participation in the contest including, without limitation, all claims brought or asserted by any third party as a result of any injury or loss that You or they may sustain in any way associated with your participation in the contest.

Under no circumstance will IamSTUDENT be liable for any:

1. lost, late, misdirected, stolen, illegible or incomplete Submissions
2. error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, submitted Photo
3. problems, failures or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, providers, computer equipment, software, email, players, or browsers, on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet, at any website, or on account of any combination of the foregoing
4. incorrect or inaccurate information, caused by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of the Photos and/or the Submissions
5. injury or damage to any Participant or to any computer related to, resulting from or in connection with the Contest.

If, for any reason, the contest is not capable of being conducted as anticipated, due to computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of IamSTUDENT, which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest, IamSTUDENT reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest as deemed appropriate, disqualify any Participant, and/or select winners from all eligible Photos submitted prior to the termination, cancellation, modification or suspension. IamSTUDENT reserves the right to correct any typo-graphical, printing, computer programming or operating errors at any time.

**ANNEX**

**CONSENT OF IMAGE RIGHTS USES**

**IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EU-CONEXUS COMMUNICATION**

I, the undersigned: ....................................................................................................................

(Indicate first and last name)

Email address: ..........................................................................................................................

Grant to EU-CONEXUS, its representatives and any person acting with their permission, photographer or director (including any agency publishing or distributing the images, sounds or finished products), irrevocable permission to photograph, record or film me, as part of the production of content for EU-CONEXUS.

Consequently, and in accordance with the provisions relating to image and copyrights, I authorise EU-CONEXUS to fix, reproduce, communicate and exploit in any form and on any medium known or unknown to date, my image under the conditions set out above, throughout the world, without any time limit, in full or by extract, and in particular in the press, the media, the web, trade fairs and exhibitions, publicity, public screenings and conferences. The beneficiary of the authorisation expressly refrains from using the photographs and images in any way that might infringe on privacy or reputation, nor from using the photographs and images in any medium of a pornographic, racist or xenophobic nature or any other prejudicial use.

Your personal data and images shall be stored for a 10 year period from the date of their submission.

I am informed of the right to withdraw the consent at any time, without prejudice to the data processing carried out prior to its withdrawal. You can withdraw your consent by sending an email to dpo@univ-lr.fr.

I am informed of the right to access the information of how, where and when my image will be used and for what purpose.

Name, surname, signature and date

Preceded by the handwritten words *"read and approved, good for agreement".*

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