

### Photography Contest and Travelling Exhibition

## *We Belong Here*

*Life, people and nature in the cross-border area*

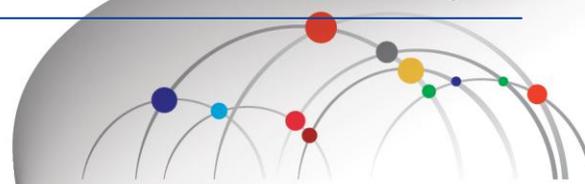
### Can you participate?

Participation is open to every individual who is resident in any of the two participating countries in the Programme.

The Joint Technical Secretariat of the IPA Cross-border Programme "**Greece-The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013**", under the auspices of the Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes and the National Authority, organizes a Photography Contest and Travelling Exhibition entitled "**We belong Here: Life, people and nature in the cross-border area**".

The initiative is organized for a second consecutive year on the occasion of **European Cooperation Day** ([www.ecday.eu](http://www.ecday.eu)), which will be celebrated this year on late September 2013 through many local events across Europe.

The best three (3) photos will be awarded a prize and seventy (70) highest-ranking photos will be displayed firstly in **Edessa** (20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September 2013) and afterwards in **Ohrid**.



## How can you participate?

1. Photographs must reflect the theme of the Contest: *“We belong Here: Life, people and nature in the cross-border area”* and shall fall under any of the following six categories;

- Economic development
- Human Resources
- Sustainable tourism
- Protection of human life
- Environment
- Natural & cultural heritage

Images may include natural beauty, architectural points of interest, people enjoying the landscape, economic life etc. and must be taken in the cross-border area. The cross-border area consists of;

- Greece: Regional entities of Florina, Pella, Kilkis, Serres and Thessaloniki.
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: Regions of Pelagonia, Vardar, Southeast and Southwest.

2. Contestants may submit **up to five (5) images**. Contestants that took part in last year’s Photo Contest *can re-submit photos that were not selected for exhibiting*.

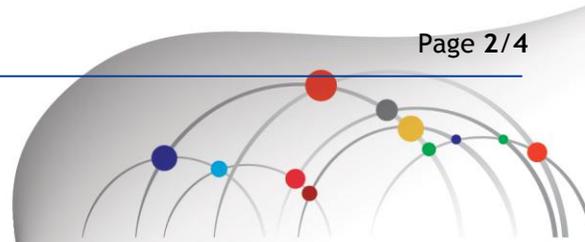
3. The photos must follow **technical format requirements;**

- .jpg/.gif format
- Resolution 300 dpi (minimum)
- The size of each photo must be smaller or equal to 8MB (if sent by email).

The selected photos will be exhibited in size A3, 29.7x42 cm.

4. A signed entry form must be submitted with every entry.

5. Entries must be the original work of the photographer. Although entries can be digitally altered, they must not include images taken by another photographer (i.e. images copied or purchased from the internet).



6. The submitted contest photographs cannot be significantly retouched: nothing in the photographs (people, animals, scenery, objects, etc.) may be altered, removed, augmented or rearranged. Cropping is permitted, as is modest darkening or lightening of parts of the image.
7. The photos and the entry form may be sent by **Wednesday, 4th of September 2013**, via email to [evotsari@mou.gr](mailto:evotsari@mou.gr) or by post in a CD to the following address;  
*Joint Technical Secretariat of the IPA Cross-Border Programme “Greece-The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013”*  
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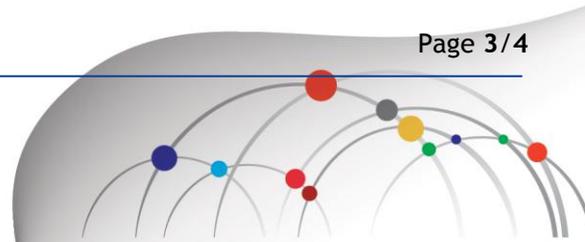
## Selection process

The Selection Committee will select seventy (70) photographs to be exhibited in Edessa and Ohrid. From these 70 photographs, three (3) will be selected as the final winners.

Photos will be judged by a qualified panel of experts on the basis of the following;

- Compliance to any of the six categories/themes of the Contest
- Quality of the photograph - technical excellence
- Visual appeal and ability to evoke emotional responses
- Originality
- Emphasis on cross-border character

The verdict of the Selection Committee is final and no objection, appeal or demand is acceptable.



## Copyright issues

Copyright in all images submitted for this Photography Contest remains with the respective entrants. However, each entrant grants a license to the IPA Cross-border Programme “Greece- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007-2013” managing structures (Managing Authority, National Authority, Joint Technical Secretariat and Delegation of EU in Skopje) to feature any or all of the submitted images in any of their publications, their websites and/or in any promotional material connected to this Contest, during and after the traveling Exhibition. Finally, the winners may be asked to take part in publicity actions.

## Further information

More information will be gradually uploaded under the News section at [www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu](http://www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu)

Questions and inquiries about “*We Belong Here*” Contest rules can be emailed to [evotsari@mou.gr](mailto:evotsari@mou.gr)

Anyone interested can browse last year’s exhibited photographs in the framework of “Waters and Mountains in the Cross-Border area” Photo Contest 2012, available at; <http://www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu/index.php/news/35-etc-day-%E2%80%9Cwaters-and-mountains-in-the-cross-border-area%E2%80%9D-photo-exhibition?showall=1&limitstart=>

