

EU PROGRES 2014 CALENDAR COMPETITION

Responsibility Towards Nature has no Limits

Objectives

1. To inspire secondary school students to expand their knowledge about environmental protection by doing a research of the given theme “Responsibility Towards Nature has no Limits” and present their insights in a creative way.
2. To improve awareness and knowledge about environmental protection, recycling, energy efficiency and pollution prevention in their homes, neighbourhoods, municipalities and country.
3. To improve learning conditions in school which have achieved the best result in the competition due to demonstrated commitment of administrative staff, teachers and pupils
4. To encourage secondary school pupils to pursue their artistic talent
5. To promote European support to the South and South West Serbia.

Competition Theme

“Responsibility Towards Nature has no Limits”

Preserving ecosystem is one of the most important tasks for every human being, as living species need water, food and healthy surrounding to live in. The growth of industry and enlargement of the world population highly increased the pollution of air, water and ground. Waste recycling and energy efficiency are the two most important concepts of the environmental protection, which contribute to the reduction of the need for raw materials, lesser consumption of energy, and preserving natural resources for the future.

This year, the European Partnership with Municipalities – EU PROGRES 2014 Calendar Art Competition theme “**Responsibility Towards Nature has no Limits**” aims to inspire all secondary school students in 25 municipalities in South and South West Serbia to investigate an array of opportunities, and:

- Present their views on the importance of environmental protection, recycling and energy efficiency
- Present how they see a relationship between nature and a modern man and woman
- Express their views of how recycling and energy efficiency can improve the quality of living in their home, village, municipality or country
- Present their ideas on how to solve some of the current environmental issues in their surroundings

The contestants should present their own vision, in a positive tone, showing understanding of environmental protection, recycling and energy efficiency and where possible proposing solution rather than simply pointing on issues.

We are all part of the nature, and by protecting it we protect ourselves. Our responsibility towards nature must not have limits.

This year's competition theme complements to a wider campaign with the same title aiming at raising understanding and accountability of each individual for the protection of the environment as one of the key elements for achieving healthier life, better standard of living, and overall development, thus maximising the effects of both actions.

Format of Expression

The maximum size of the works submitted for the calendar competition must be A3 (42 x 29.7 cm). The works could be illustrations, drawings, paintings or collages.

Eligibility

Pupils from all secondary schools, regardless of their grade, in 25 EU PROGRES' municipalities will be eligible to participate in the competition:

- Ivanjica, Nova Varoš, Novi Pazar, Priboj, Prijepolje, Raška, Sjenica, Tutin in the South West Serbia
- Blace, Žitorađa, Kuršumlija, Prokuplje in the Toplica District
- Bojnik, Vlasotince, Lebane, Leskovac, Medveđa, Crna Trava, Bosilegrad, Bujanovac, Vladičin Han, Vranje, Preševo, Surdulica and Trgovište in the South Serbia.

Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- Secondary schools, which decide to participate in the calendar competition, have to organise an internal contest that will be open to all pupils
- Each secondary school, which organises the contest, has to establish its own Selection Committee which will select up to **five best works**
- Only one work per pupil can be selected/submitted for the EU PROGRES' calendar competition
- The selected art works (up to five) will be delivered (by post or personally) to the EU PROGRES' office:

EU PROGRES
Naznaka "Likovni konkurs"
Timočka 4
18400 Prokuplje

- **Deadline for submission** of works is Monday, **4 November 2013**, by 12:00.

Selection Process

- The EU PROGRES' Selection Committee will be composed of five members: two persons with proven artistic background, one representative of youth, and two representatives of the Programme
- The Selection Committee will shortlist 12 best works from all received entries
- The Selection Committee will, from the 12 shortlisted works, declare the third best, the second best and the best work
- All 12 works will be printed on EU PROGRES Calendar 2014.
- The Selection Committee will declare the best school

General Competition Rules

- Participation in the competition is free of charge
- All entries not respecting the theme or the technical/authorship requirements will be disqualified
- Only art pieces which have not yet been published may be submitted
- Each submission must include on the back side of the submitted artwork the following information:
 - the name and the address of the school
 - the full name of the pupil for each art work
 - the full name of the supervising teacherWorks which have not been properly named can be disqualified
- Authors and schools must guarantee that all elements of submitted art pieces do not represent copies of other original works
- All images used on the art works, must be in compliance with the existing Republic of Serbia Law on Copyright
- Art works, in principle, may be returned to contestants upon submission of a written request sent by 31 January 2014 at the latest
- Authors retain copyright of their works and will be able to use it, in own print and online portfolios, exhibitions, books and other publications, to disseminate (including sell) it to interested clients, following conclusion of EU PROGRES' 2014 Calendar in December 2013
- By taking part in the competition, authors and schools agree that EU PROGRES, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia (DEU) and Swiss Cooperation Office in Serbia (SDC), may also use the art works for the purposes of promotion, publicity, news, informational education or awareness relating to all Programme activities
- Authors of twelve best works will be credited on EU PROGRES' 2014 calendar
- EU PROGRES will not cover any costs for production and submission of art works.

Prizes for pupils and teachers

The following awards will be presented for 12 best works:

- The first prize – laptop computer
- The second and third prize – tablet computers
- Nine consolation prizes – digital photo cameras
- Books will be awarded to the teachers-mentors of three best artwork.

Prize for the winning school

One secondary school will be given a special prize for the overall number and quality of works submitted for the EU PROGRES' 2014 calendar competition. The Selection Committee will also take into consideration commitment in the organisation of internal school competition.

The winning secondary school will be awarded with the laptop computer and projector, which should clearly contribute to improvement of conditions for education of pupils.

Prize Awards Ceremony

EU PROGRES will organise prize award ceremony in Vranje in mid-December 2013. The ceremony will include the exhibition of all submitted artworks and promotion of EU PROGRES' calendar for 2014.