

## WHAT DOES A UNITED EUROPE MEAN TO YOU? – VIDEO COMPETITION

### **Eligibility**

1. The competition is open to citizens of the 28 EU Member States or of one of the candidate countries or potential candidates from Southeast Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey).
2. Participants must be aged between 13 and 15 years at the deadline for submission. Entries from direct family members of employees of the European institutions will not be accepted.
3. Entries may be submitted in any official language of the European Union (see: [http://europa.eu/about-eu/facts-figures/administration/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/about-eu/facts-figures/administration/index_en.htm)) or in any of the official languages of the candidate countries and potential candidates from Southeast Europe.

### **Entry rules**

4. Each participant may submit only one entry.
5. Each entry must be clearly linked to the theme of the competition.
6. Only original work can be accepted. Once submitted the entry is final.
7. Other people may participate in the video, but only one person can submit the video as the author and will be assessed as such by the national jury. Group entries will not be accepted.
8. Entries can be maximum 1 minute long.
9. Entries which are violent, hateful, sexist, racist, or in any other way offensive, which contain any material and/or statement which violates or infringes in any way upon the rights of others or which may be held as illegal, will be disqualified.

### **When and how to submit your entry?**

10. The deadline for submissions is **10 April 2015**, midnight.
11. Participants must register and upload their videos via the following website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/news\\_corner/video\\_competition/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/news_corner/video_competition/index_en.htm)

Click on the “Video competition registration” logo and follow the steps. If you have any questions, please email [video@mcgroup.com](mailto:video@mcgroup.com)

Each person appearing in the video in a manner which allows viewers to recognise the person must sign a release form. Release forms for minors must be countersigned by

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

their parent/guardian. Release forms can be downloaded [HERE](#). Scanned copies of the signed release forms must be submitted with the entry. Authors of the videos shortlisted by the national juries will be contacted and required to present the signed original release forms.

## **Copyright**

12. The participant must be the author and holder of the copyright and the moral rights of their entry. Plagiarism, which includes the unauthorised use of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own, will result in disqualification.

Copyright of each entry remains with the author, but the authors of the winning entries must allow the European Commission to publish their work and use it for any purpose without royalties. The winners will be asked to sign a formal licence of such rights confirming and detailing the conditions of publication by the European Commission.

13. By submitting the video to the competition, the participants agree, if they are selected as winners, to grant the European Commission free of charge the right to use the winning videos in any manner and media, including without limitation, the right to publish, adapt, distribute, copy, display or translate.

14. Participants also grant the European Commission the right to license to others.

## **Evaluation**

15. All entries will be evaluated by juries at the national level.

16. Each national jury will select one entry as the winner. The juries reserve the right not to select a winner if no suitable entries are received.

17. The work and deliberations of the juries are confidential and their decisions are final.

18. The jury will request verification of citizenship and age before prizes are awarded (a copy of a valid passport or ID).

19. Only the prize winners will be contacted.

## **Prizes**

20. Each national winner will be awarded with a 2-day visit for the winner and one accompanying adult to Brussels, Belgium, during June/July 2015 (dates tbc). During the visit, any winner must be accompanied by an adult (e.g. parent/guardian).
21. The following costs related to the visit to Brussels will be covered for each winner and the accompanying adult:
- An economy-class roundtrip flight or roundtrip first-class train travel to Brussels from the winner's or travel companion's place of residence in one of the 28 EU Member States or in one of the candidate countries or potential candidates from Southeast Europe
  - meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and accommodation
  - local transportation costs in Brussels
  - admission to organised activities
22. The winners are responsible for any other expenses involved with their visit to Brussels.
23. The exact dates of the visit will be confirmed once the winners have been chosen.

## **Data protection and image rights**

24. All personal information gathered during registration will be held by the European Commission, which will use the data solely for the purpose of the contest.

The European Commission is committed to user privacy. The policy on "protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions" is based on Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000.

25. The names of the winners and their works will be published, and there may be media coverage, such as video or photos of the winners' visit to Brussels for the award ceremony. The winners authorise the European Commission to publish such video images or photos in relation to the contest.

## **Applicable law**

26. This contest and the present rules are governed by Belgian law.

**Submission of entry implies acceptance of all rules.  
Failure to comply with the rules will result in disqualification.**