THE OSCE ANNUAL REPORT 2013 PHOTO CONTEST

Extended to 25 January!!

Frequently asked questions

Who can participate?

Everyone living within the OSCE region can participate. For a list of OSCE countries, go here.

Is there a specific theme?

No. However, photographs that demonstrate the OSCE's activities and the people that benefit from it, will receive preference in the voting procedure.

When is the deadline?

The submission must be entered on or before ~~15~~ 25 January 2014 (midnight CET).

How do I submit my photograph?

Submissions must be made digitally and sent as an email attachment to the address photocontest@osce.org

What information must I send with my submission?

You must state your full name and send a short explanation of the image, indicating the country, city or region where the picture was taken and when.

What are the specifications for my submission?

Every submitted image must be sent as a JPG with a maximum file size of 5MB. The original file of the photograph needs to be 300dpi, with a minimum of 2000px on the long side. Portrait photographs are acceptable but will need to be cropped to fit the OSCE Report's front page design. For a look at the Annual Report 2012, go here.

Can I submit black-and-white photographs?

Yes. However, there is a preference to use a colour photograph on the front page of the OSCE Annual Reports. An excellent black-and-white image might still be used inside the publication, provided it depicts a relevant OSCE activity or is related to the OSCE's work in some form. This will be decided by the OSCE Annual Report Editor and members of the jury.

Can I submit analog photographs?

Absolutely. However, these need to be scanned at a high resolution and submitted by email just as digital submissions (to photocontest@osce.org). For more on digital requirements, see "What are the specifications for my submission?"

How many photos can I enter into the contest?

Each contestant can submit up to five (5) images.

When will the winners be announced?

On 15 February 2014. Winners will be notified by email.

What is the prize again?

A Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 7-inch tablet

Who is the jury?

The jury will comprise a representative of the OSCE Secretary General's office; OSCE Spokesperson Cathie Burton; OSCE Annual Report editor Alexander Nitzsche; one representative of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media's office; and the photographer Eric Gourlan.

Can the photograph be submitted if it has been taken before 2013?

The preference will go to photographs that were taken in 2013. However, in the case of an excellent contribution that is relevant to the OSCE and its activities, exceptions can be made.

Can photographs be cropped, enhanced or altered?

Slight cropping and industry-standard enhancing, such as dust removal, normal contrast and colour correction, and mild burning and dodging, is permissible. More drastic alterations are not. Under no circumstances should elements be erased from or added to the image; this will lead to immediate disqualification of any image submitted by the same contestant.

Will I retain the copyright of the images I submitted?

No copyrighted material may be entered in the contest. While you will remain the owner of all images submitted to the OSCE, by submitting your image or images you agree to the OSCE using your image or images in the OSCE Annual Report 2013 and other OSCE publications (in print and electronic format).

Anything else I should know?

The legal bit: "Submissions must not contain material that violates or infringes another's rights, including but not limited to privacy, publicity or intellectual property rights, or that constitutes copyright or license infringement. Submissions must not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent, obscene, hateful, defamatory, slanderous or libellous; or that promotes bigotry, racism, hatred or harm against any group or individual or promotes discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age; or that is unlawful, in violation of or contrary to laws or regulations."