

RURITAGE Photo Contest

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - Version 8 July 2020

This document should be read in complementarity with the Photo Contest Rules

No.	Q	A
1	Who is the organizer of the RURITAGE Photo Contest?	The organizer is ICLEI Europe .
2	Who are the evaluators?	ICLEI Europe , UNESCO , and the University of Bologna (UNIBO) form the Evaluation Committee. ICLEI Europe and UNESCO have experts with experience in photography.
3	Can employees from the organizations and Evaluation Committee of the photo contest take part in the Photo Contest?	Yes, as long as: (1) they are not involved/ have not been involved in the RURITAGE project as employees of the Organizers (ICLEI Europe) or as employees of the Evaluation Committee (UNIBO and UNESCO), and (2) they are not first-degree relatives of an employee of the Organizers (ICLEI Europe) or the employees of the Evaluation Committee (UNIBO and UNESCO).
4	Is it possible to participate if I am not involved/ connected to the RURITAGE project?	Yes! The Photo Contest is aimed mostly at local communities in the eligible territories. However, it is open for any other participant who wishes to showcase them.
5	Are participants allowed to create teams for submitting photos?	Submission forms and prizes are individual, or in the name of an organisation (who will need to select one person as a representative). Therefore, the creation of team is not foreseen.
6	Can participants submit photos for multiple eligible territories?	Yes, participants can submit photos for different eligible territories. This will need to be made by filling in separately the submission forms.



7	How will you verify that the photos are taken within a certain territory?	<p>Since the link to the RURITAGE Atlas and other RURITAGE tools was not possible (since not all eligible territories are yet part of these tools), in the submission form, participants need to agree to the following statement:</p> <p><i>“I understand that I am not allowed to submit images which are not linked with one of the territories mentioned below and that I must indicate correctly to which territory is the image related to”.</i></p> <p>In case of doubt, the organizers will check with the contact person of that particular territory (member of the RURITAGE project) in order to check authenticity.</p>
8	Do participants have to submit all 5 photos at once, if they have more than one photo?	No. Each submission form accepts only one photo. Participants can submit up to 5 photos but they will need to do it in different submission forms. We advise participants to submit their pictures as soon as possible and not wait until the deadline.
9	Can a participant that owns the copyright of the photo but is not the photographer participate in the competition?	Yes, as long as the participant has the consent of the photographer in order to participate in RURITAGE Photo Contest. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the picture to respect all legal requirements.
10	Do I need to have the consent of everyone that is visible in a photo?	<p>This depends on several aspects: public vs private space, photo-shooting vs journalistic-editorial, national law of the country where the picture has been taken.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the participant to have the permission for taking the photo of any person that might be recognisable in the photo unless consent is not required by international and national laws (where the picture is taken). In many countries photos for journalistic-editorial purposes or photos taken in public spaces do not need consent of everyone that is visible in a photo.</p> <p>When needed, the permission of those people that are recognisable in the photo should be granted to the participant prior to the submission of the photo, particularly when the person is the main subject of the photo (e.g. photoshoot). The consent could be oral or written.</p>
11	Can photos that have already taken part in other photo competitions be submitted to the RURITAGE Photo Contest?	No. Photos submitted to another contest are not eligible for the present RURITAGE Photo Competition.



12	Is it compulsory to have a description for the submitted photo (Maximum 300 characters)?	No, the description is optional. The Required field in the Online Form are marked with an asterisk (*).
13	Is there a difference between amateur photographers, professional photographers and photographers commissioned by local institutions?	There is no differentiation among participants. All participants have same obligations and rights within the RURITAGE Photo Contest.
14	Will RURITAGE Consortium have the right to access the photos and visualize those that will be uploaded?	During the Photo Contest only organizers will have access to the submitted photos. Once winners are selected, the entire RURITAGE Consortium will be entitled to see and use the photos.
15	Will the participant remain the owner of the photos?	The participant will still own the photos after the submission to the contest, but will give RURITAGE permission to use it, by agreeing to the following statement: <i>"I agree all intellectual property rights and related rights will belong to the photographer and will not be transferred to RURITAGE. However, the photographer grants permission to RURITAGE Consortium, as a whole and to each individual partner, to use the picture for free, forever and for the whole world"</i>
16	Will the photos be used with commercial purpose?	RURITAGE Consortium has not foreseen to use the photos taken from the Photo Competition with a commercial purpose. They will be used for communication and dissemination purposes.
17	Why are there only three winners?	Having too many winners would undercut the value of winning, reason why there will only be a podium of winners. Nevertheless, all photos that pass a minimum quality will be published in the RURITAGE website and/or social media including the credit to the author.
18	Is there a local prize for each territory?	The RURITAGE Photo Contest organisers will not select a winner or offer a local prize for each eligible territory. However, if the RURITAGE representative of a certain territory will like to do that independently, they will be allowed to do so after the finalisation of the RURITAGE Photo Contest.



19	Why was foreseen the possibility to shorten the deadline in case the maximum storage capacity of the website is reached?	There is a theoretical possibility to reach the maximum storage space available if the number of submitted pictures is very high. Such a situation will create complex technical issues. The possibility to shorten the deadline was foreseen to avoid such this technical issues. However, shortening the deadline will be avoided as much as possible.
20	Will the rules and online submission forms be available in other languages?	As an international contest, the official language for the RURITAGE Photo Contest is English. However, the RURITAGE representatives of the eligible territories are encouraged to make a translation to their local language. When available, the translation will be made publicly available on the website and the submission form.
21	Our organisation already has a photo contest, do I need to connect it with the RURITAGE Photo Contest?	No. The two photo contest should remain separate in order to avoid confusion and respect all regulations.

For any inquiries related to the RURITAGE Photo contest, please contact RURITAGE@iclei.org

