

SEA-EU & Blue-connect 2.0 ERN PHOTO CONTEST

**GET YOUR WORK SHARED AT THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE AND
EXHIBITED AT SPLIT DURING THE GRAND OPENING OF SCIENCE
COMES TO TOWN PROJECT**

The University of Split, a member of the European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) alliance, and Blue-connect 2.0 invites students and staff members from the SEA-EU Alliance member institutions and Blue-connect 2.0 project partners to apply to the **SEA-EU Photo Contest “Science is fun”** by sending **1 photo** taken during the upcoming European Researchers’ Night in their cities, held on 26 September 2025.

The best-ranked photos will be selected by the international jury comprised of members from all SEA-EU universities, as well as representatives of Blue-connect 2.0 project partners. Selected photos will be exhibited in Split during the Grand opening of Science Comes to Town project (20 - 21 January 2026). The winner will be rewarded with an 800 EUR travel voucher.

THEME OF THE CALL

The theme of the Call is “Science is fun”.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The call is intended for all SEA-EU students and staff members, as well as all Blue-connect 2.0 partners.

SEA-EU Alliance member institutions:

University of Cádiz

University of Gdańsk

University of Brest

University of Kiel

University of Malta

Parthenope University of Naples

University of Algarve

Nord University

Blue-connect 2.0 project partners:

University of Rijeka

University of Rijeka Foundation

University of Pula

University of Zadar

University of Split

University of Dubrovnik

Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries

Institute for Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation

Application deadline: 01 October 2025 (23:59 CET)

GUIDELINES & RULES

- The contest is free and open to all students and staff members registered at one of the aforementioned universities and partner organizations.
- The contest participants must hold the rights to their photos and obtain permission if they take photos of smaller groups, families, or close-up photos of faces or photos with children in them.
- Each applicant can submit one (1) photograph. Photo must be taken at the any European Researchers' Night event in 2025 by the person who is submitting the photo to the contest, and the photo must not have been previously published, exhibited, or awarded in any other contest. Photo must be uploaded in JPEG format with high-quality compression and with the original pixel size (minimum resolution of 4500 x 3000 pixels). Scaling and changing the resolution of the photography is not permitted. Photo must not contain watermarks, logos, signatures, or other identifying marks. Images made by artificial intelligence will not be accepted.
- Submission of the photos will be done via this [Google Form](#). A photo must be named as follows: Name of the Institution_Surname and name initial (for example: UNIST_Surname_AA).

SELECTION

The selection criteria will consider the respect of the theme, technical and artistic value. The selection will be made based on public and professional opinion.

Both public opinion and the restricted vote of a jury will be taken into consideration. The first round of evaluation will be performed by the jury, who will choose up to 20 best photographs. The photographs will then be anonymously published on the official SEA-EU Alliance and Blue-connect 2.0 Instagram profiles, where the winner will be chosen by the number of likes they gather.

THE IMAGE RIGHTS

Each participant declares to be the author of the photograph submitted and acknowledges that they have all the necessary authorizations regarding their publication. By participating in this contest, applicants accept to share their photography under Creative Commons License (CC BY-NC-ND). This license allows others to download your works and share them with others if they credit you, but they can't change them or use them for commercial purposes.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SPLIT

The University of Split will support this action by providing an exhibition venue and technical assistance and printing photographs for the installation of the works.






RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

International selection results will be announced in October 2025 and shared on official SEA-EU (www.sea-eu.org) and Blue-connect 2.0 websites (<https://jaistrazujem.hr/>).

REWARD

The international winner will receive an 800 EUR travel voucher which can be spent within 1 year to cover the costs of travel/accommodation or both.

Important facts:

-  Application period: 26 Sep – 01 Oct 2025
-  Selection period of the winner: 02 – 15 Oct 2025
-  Publication of the winner: 30 Oct 2025
-  Exhibition: 20 - 21 Jan 2026 (Science Comes to Town Grand Opening, Split)
-  Announcement of the winner: 31 Oct 2025, on SEA-EU and Blue-connect 2.0 official Instagram profiles and websites

The contest organizer reserves the right to reject any photography prohibited by law or violating intellectual property rights.