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European PROGRES 2017 Calendar Competition

Europe: A wise choice

Background

In 2016 European PROGRES is once again organising of the art competition for high school students in 34 municipalities in South East and South West Serbia involved in the Programme.¹

The aim of this year's theme - **"Europe: A wise choice"** – is to instigate thought and discussion among the youth in South Serbia about the aspects of Serbia's accession to the European Union (EU) that benefit them personally, but also benefit their local communities and, eventually, the country as a whole. The ultimate goal is to prompt youth to autonomously identify opportunities for themselves in the process of EU integrations, thus making them aware of their role as active and significant actors in this process and enabling them to take ownership of it.

This year, the competition is utilising the theme of an existing publication – the Europa Diary - a handbook and a didactic tool for high schools that takes a creative and age-appropriate approach to introducing high school students to relevant topics regarding the European Union and the EU integrations of Serbia. By including the Diary as an element of this year's competition, European PROGRES is attempting to facilitate learning and knowledge sharing on EU-related topics. The chapters of the Diary, each corresponding to a particular topic regarding the EU, could offer participating students guidelines for choosing the benefit of the EU they feel is most important.

The contestants are tasked with visually presenting their views on what it is that makes European Union "a smart choice" for Serbia and for them. The depictions should be positive, visually engaging and original. All artworks must be accompanied by a caption (one sentence or one paragraph) explaining the chosen benefit of the EU and the reasoning for this choice.

The teachers will be asked to download the Europe Diary via internet <http://europa.rs/files/EU-Dnevnik-2016-2017.pdf>, and will be provided with a short guidance note on how to initiate the discussion with students on the set topic, in order to assure that the submitted artworks accurately correlate to the theme of the competition.

¹ the list of municipalities is available in the section below

Objectives

1. To familiarise the population of South Serbia, especially the youth, with the process of European integrations of Serbia and the EU in general
2. To encourage youth to explore positive aspects and relevant opportunities provided by the European integrations
3. To inspire dialogue between youth, teachers and civil society
4. To improve learning conditions in the school which achieved the best result in the competition
5. To encourage secondary school pupils to pursue their artistic talent

Competition Theme

“Europe: A wise choice” will challenge students to inform themselves better on the European Union, the process of Serbia’s accession to it, as well as what that process entails for all citizens of Serbia, especially the youth. It will enable youth to recognise opportunities that the European Union could provide them with, be it in regard to education, travel or similar.

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.

Each artwork must be accompanied by the caption explaining the chosen benefit of the EU and the reasoning for this choice. The captions must be well written and will be assessed in the selection of the winning artworks. The captions may be printed or handwritten on the back of the artwork or attached on a separate sheet of paper, or in some instances may be even included on the art piece.

Eligibility

Pupils from all secondary schools, regardless of their grade, in 34 European PROGRES’ municipalities will be eligible to participate in the competition:

- Novi Pazar, Ivanjica, Nova Varoš, Priboj, Prijepolje, Raška, Sjenica and Tutin, in the South West Serbia
- Prokuplje, Blace, Žitorađa, Kuršumlija in Toplica District
- Leskovac, Bojnik, Vlasotince, Lebane, Medveđa and Crna Trava in Jablanica District

- Vranje, Bosilegrad, Bujanovac, Vladičin Han, Preševo, Surdulica and Trgovište in Pčinja District
- Brus in Rasinska District
- Aleksinac, Gadžin Han, Doljevac, Merošina and Svrlijig in Niški District
- Babušnica and Bela Palanka in Pirotski District
- Knjaževac in Zaječarski District.

In cases where there are no secondary schools in a municipality, the jury will consider applications from individual students who are originally from those municipalities but attend high school outside of the European PROGRES area. Such students must submit a proof of the place of residence (photo copy of the ID card, of passport or any other document containing the permanent address).

Responsibilities of the 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 choose up to **five best works**
- Only one work per pupil can be submitted for the European PROGRES' calendar competition
- The selected art works (up to five) must be delivered (by post or personally) to the European PROGRES' office:
UNOPS/European PROGRES
Naznaka „Likovni konkurs”
Šumatovačka 59
11000 Beograd
- Where the internal school selection process is not in place, interested students are encouraged to send their individual works.
- **Deadline for submission** of works is **15 November, by 12:00**.

Selection Process

- The European 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 12 shortlisted works, declare the third best, the second best and the best work
- All 12 works will be printed on the European PROGRES 2017 Calendar
- The Selection Committee will choose 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 submitted artwork must include on the back side the following information:
 - the name and the address of the school
 - the full name of the pupil
 - the full name of the supervising teacher
 - caption information explaining the chosen benefit of the EU and the reasoning for this choice.
- Inappropriately named works can be disqualified
- Authors and schools must guarantee that all elements of the 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 Law on Copyright and Related Rights of the Republic of Serbia
- Art works, in principle, may be returned to contestants upon submission of a written request sent by **15 January** 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 the interested clients, following conclusion of European PROGRES' 2017 Calendar Competition in December 2016
- By taking a part in the competition, authors and schools agree that European PROGRES, the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia (DEU) and the Swiss Cooperation Office in Serbia (SDC), may also use the art works for the purposes of their own promotion, publicity, news, informational education or awareness
- Authors of 12 best works will be credited on European PROGRES' 2017 calendar
- European PROGRES will not cover any costs for the 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 – mobile phones
- Books will be awarded to the teachers from the three best schools

Prize for the Winning School

The Selection Committee will also take into consideration commitment in the organisation of the internal school competition.

One secondary school will be given a special prize for the organisation of the internal selection process, the overall number and the quality of works submitted as well as the final presentation of the selection process and submissions for the European PROGRES' 2016 calendar competition.

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

Prize Awards Ceremony

European PROGRES will organise the prize award ceremony in the second half of December 2016. The ceremony will include the exhibition of all submitted artworks and the promotion of European PROGRES' calendar for 2017. Transportation will be organised for students from remote areas, however travel costs for individual travels will not be refunded.