

SEA-EU PHOTOCONTEST

GET YOUR WORK SHARED AT THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE AND EXHIBITED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BREST DURING THE GOVERNING WEEK

The University of Split, a member of the European University of the Seas (SEA-EU) alliance, invites students and staff members from the University of Cádiz, University of Gdańsk, University of Brest, University of Kiel, University of Malta, Parthenope University of Naples, University of Algarve and the Nord University to apply to the **SEA-EU Photo Contest “After all - after oil”** by sending **1 photo** they haven't published before.

The best-ranked photos will be selected by the international jury comprised of experts from all SEA-EU universities. Selected photos will be exhibited in Brest during the Governing week (9 - 11 June 2026). The winner will be rewarded by 800 EUR worth travel voucher.

THEME OF THE CALL

The theme of the Call is “After all - after oil”.

The theme "After all - after oil" allows the participants to explore green transition, the transformations in our societies and landscapes, imagine the future world, and question our relationship with nature or energy production. Geological realities, the textile industry and its ecological impact, the ongoing energy transition, dependence on oil or new alternatives, changing landscapes... Post-Oil invites participants to look into the reality of our society, where oil is omnipresent, but also to imagine a world 'after' oil, in both its positive and negative aspects.

For example, artists such as [Peter Iain Campbell](#) explore this theme by capturing post-industrial landscapes and oil rigs in the North Sea to bring the viewer "on a dystopian journey".

WHO CAN APPLY?

The call is intended for all SEA-EU students and staff members.

GUIDELINES & RULES

- The contest is free and open to all students and staff members registered at one of 9 organizing universities.
- 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 1 photo. Photo must be taken 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 [link](#). A photo must be named as follows:

Name of the University_ Surname and name initial (for example: UNIST_ SurnameN).

Application deadline: 4 May 2026

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, by adopting the following principle of voting:

- Social network: 40% (we will use SEA-EU Alliance Official Instagram profile)
- Jury: 60% (jury composition: 1 member nominated by each SEA-EU partner).

THE IMAGE RIGHTS

Each participant declares to be the author of the photography and acknowledges that s/he has all the necessary authorizations regarding his 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 KIEL

The University of Brest 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 on 18 May 2026, and shared on the SEA-EU website (www.sea-eu.org).

REWARD

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

Important facts:



Application period: 23 February - 4 May 2026



Selection period of the winner: 5 May - 15 May 2026



Publication of the winner: 18 May 2026



Exhibition: 9 - 11 June 2026 (Governing Week, Brest)



Announcement of the winner: 18 May 2026 on SEA-EU Instagram profile and SEA-EU website

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