Danube Art Master 2019

We love Danube!

Jointly organised by the Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe (GWP CEE) and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), this competition encourages children to have a closer look at their local river, to reflect on what the environment means to them, and to create original artworks to celebrate the region. Children from all schools, NGOs, clubs, day care centres or associations for children in the Danube Basin are invited to create a piece of art and take part in the Danube Art Master competition, which has been uniting thousands of children throughout the Danube River Basin since 2004. The competition doesn’t only bring children of the Danube region together, but also educates them about the river’s intrinsic value and importance and gives them a voice to comment on the future of their environment.

Competition Details

Participants must be between 6 and 18 years old, and from a country in the Danube Basin (Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine). The competition exists at two levels: national and international. Once selected at national level, national winners will then compete at the international level. The participants are encouraged to check the submission deadline with their national organiser.

International level categories: artwork and video

National level categories: artwork, video, poem, song or performance

Children should go to a river-bank (ideally on the Danube or a Danube tributary) and create their environmental art, record a song, record a video, or hold a performance. After creating their artwork, the children or teachers should take a colour photo or video of the artwork and send it to national organiser.

Specifications

Artworks should be created with natural materials found by the river. Drawings and paintings are not accepted. The minimum size of the digital photos is 150 DPI.
Videos should be no longer than 1 minute, recorded by camera or phone. Animations will not be accepted.
Songs should be no longer than 1 minute and 30 seconds and recorded on video.
Poems should be no longer than 1 A4 page and written in English.
Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes and recorded on video.

All photos and videos should be sent to the national organizers.
Winner selection

National level
At the national level, the national organisers will judge the different forms of art. National prizes vary from country to country, and participants are encouraged to contact their country’s organiser for details. The top 10 national artworks will be posted on the official Instagram account of the competition.

International level
At the international level, two of the categories - the national winners’ artworks and videos, will be judged by an international jury, which is composed of the national representatives of all ICPDR countries. For the judging, text or other hints as to the national artwork’s nation of origin will be redacted to facilitate neutral assessment. The judges’ decision is final, and the creator(s) of the chosen artwork will be crowned ‘Danube Art Master’. The prize for the international winners in art and video categories is a trip to beautiful Budapest, Hungary.

Miscellaneous

Employees and officers of GWP CEE and ICPDR, as well as the immediate family (defined as parents, spouse, children, siblings and grandparents) are not eligible to take part in the competition.

Participation in the competition constitutes the winner’s consent for their name and contribution picture to be made public in publications of GWP CEE and the ICPDR. GWP CEE and ICPDR reserve the right to use the photographs/videos taken without the expressed written permission of those included within the photographs/videos.

Social media
In addition to the Danube Art Master Facebook page, this year’s Danube Art Master will open an Instagram page to attract more children from the Danube region. There will be a special prize for the Most Liked artwork and video on Danube Art Master’s Facebook page. Only the artworks and videos submitted officially by the national organisers can compete for the Most Liked prize.

For more information, see www.danubeday.org
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