

# Photo Contest 2013 Fact Sheet

The Photo Contest takes part in the frame of the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013, declared by the United Nations General Assembly.

In reflection of this declaration, the 2013 World Water Day, which takes place on 22 March 2013, is also dedicated to water cooperation.



**GWP Central and Eastern Europe invites you to tell us your stories with photographs about the water around you.**

Do you live in a city or a village? Have you ever been affected by water shortage or a drought? Do you know from where water comes from your tap and where it ends up? Are there any polluted lakes and rivers around you? Do you want to show interesting wetlands or streams that have not been so much changed by people? Will climate change have effects on the water around you? How is water managed where you live?

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## Water situation

Water cooperation is essential as the many users of water need to cooperate as we share the same resource. Water resources are crucial for sustainable development of the countries, providing water for consumption, sanitation, irrigation, industrial use, navigation, fishing, recreation, and other purposes. Ecosystems depending on water form the backbone of the region's biodiversity including lakes, river basins, wetlands, coastal areas and groundwater.

However, during more than two decades of difficult transformation into market economies, many water ecosystems have suffered from degradation or are under increasing pressure by pollution, overuse of surface and groundwater and habitat loss.

The photograph(s) should reflect water in different uses and functions. It could be a picturesque lake, protected wetland or a polluted stream. The topic is broad and covers a wide range of water related topics and issues that can be found across Central and Eastern Europe.

## Eligibility

The photographer(s) are amateurs residing in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine. There is no age limit.

## Details

The photograph has to be an original work, not published in previous competitions. Submit up to three photographs in JPEG along with your name, post address and year of birth.

Include a short description (up to 200 words) and a title in English or your native language. Recommended minimum resolution is 2400 x 1600 pixels but it has no implications for the selection.

## Deadline

You may submit your photo from 22 March to 5 June 2013.

## How to participate

It's easy! Photographs can be submitted by an email at [gwpcee@shmu.sk](mailto:gwpcee@shmu.sk) via our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/GWPCEE> or Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/groups/gwpcee-photo-contest/>

## Win great prizes

The winner will receive a compact digital camera. Second and third place will receive digital data storage. All participants will receive a hardcopy certificate.

## Winner selection

The best photographs will be selected by a panel of independent experts in terms of photo quality (composition, attention to detail, use of light and colours, etc.) and content (understanding of the subject, creativity, story accompanying photographs, etc.).

The selection of the winners will take place in July 2013. They will be notified by an e-mail.

## Disclaimer

Participation in the contest authorizes GWP Central and Eastern Europe (GWP CEE) for the following use: reproduction, publication, storage, exhibition and dissemination of the pictures for an unlimited time in media deemed appropriate. A participant further authorizes GWP CEE to process and store personal data in connection with the contest by 31.12.2013.

By entering the contest, entrants under 18 years of age indicate that they have obtained the permission of a parent or guardian.

Prizes are subject to change and can not be exchanged for cash or any other form.

## Global Water Partnership

The Global Water Partnership vision is for a water secure world. Its mission is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels.

GWP was created to foster the implementation of integrated water resources management (IWRM): the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources by maximising economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment.

GWP Central and Eastern Europe's was created in 1998. Its international network comprises 12 Country Water Partnerships in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine and 150 Partners located in 12 countries.

The region of Central and Eastern Europe, covered by GWP, has a total area of over 2.03 million km<sup>2</sup> and is mostly located in the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea basins.

Rivers in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland discharge their flows to the Eastern Baltic Sea. The second group of countries – Bulgaria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine - is located in the Danube River basin which flows into the Black Sea.

Learn more at <http://www.gwpcee.org>

## International Year of Water Cooperation 2013

The UN proclaimed 2013 as the International Year on Water Cooperation (UN General Assembly Resolution 65/154). Diverse activities around the world will help raise awareness of the potential of and challenges to water cooperation, facilitate dialogue among stakeholders, and promote innovative solutions. World Water Day on 22 March 2013, also on the theme of water cooperation, will be one of the key events of the Year.

Learn more at <http://www.unwater.org/watercooperation2013/>

