



Conditions of participation

in the photo competition "Foto-Highlights" on the website www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmbf.de

1. Organiser, Participation

1.1 Veranstalter

The photo competition "Foto-Highlights" is being conducted on the website www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmbf.de (GSW website) by the DLR Project Management Agency on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

1.2 Submission of photos

A participant can participate in the photo competition by sending photos created by himself/herself (up to three) as a digital image file to the e-mail address GSW@dlr.de with the subject "Foto-Highlights" before the deadline.

1.3 Deadline

In order to participate, photos must be submitted within the deadline specified in the photo competition on the website <https://www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmbf.de/en/photo-highlights.html>. The deadline for submission is 11.59 p.m. on the specified day. The electronically logged receipt in the inbox of the DLR Project Management Agency will be used to check compliance with the deadline.

1.4 Extension of deadline

If a sufficient number of competition entries are not received, we reserve the right to extend the deadline.

2. Participants

2.1 Participants and Exclusion

Employees of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and employees of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research are excluded from the competition.



2.2 Correctness of information

By participating in the photo competition, the submitter guarantees the correctness of the information provided. The information is checked for plausibility by the editorial department. Incorrect information can result in exclusion in accordance with Item 8.

3. Further prerequisites for participation

3.1 Details about the photo

In addition to the photos, the following documents must be signed personally (minors need the signature of a legal guardian) and submitted by e-mail to GSW@dlr.de in order to participate in the competition:

- Conditions for participation
- Image rights form for each photo

The forms can be submitted up to 7 calendar days after the competition deadline. If the forms are not submitted, participation will become invalid. All messages and photos will be deleted.

3.2 Digital delivery

All required information and documents must be sent by e-mail to GSW@dlr.de. Photos sent by post will not be included for participation in the competition. They will not be returned to the sender.

3.3 No participation fee

Participation in the photo competition is free of charge.

3.4 No remuneration

Participants will not receive any remuneration for participating in the photo competition and for the publication of the photos.

4. Photos

4.1 Type of photo

The images can be created both digitally or as analogue photography, but they must be submitted digitally (e.g. as a scan).



The photos must not contain any frames, indications about the name/date, watermarks or other embellishments in the image.

Advertising shots or photos that are marketed elsewhere against remuneration are excluded from participation in the competition.

If the photos have already been published elsewhere in publications or on the Internet, this must be indicated in your participation e-mail. It is your responsibility to check whether you are permitted to publish the photos and to confirm this to us in the image rights form.

The submitted photos should not have any content that would constitute a criminal offence or misdemeanour if published or distributed, or which otherwise violates any law or statutory regulation. In particular, photos that are pornographic, violence-glorifying, extremist, discriminatory and/or objectionable or offensive in any other way are excluded from the competition. Recognisable violations of applicable law will lead to exclusion from the competition and may result in penalties under administrative and criminal law.

4.2 Format and size of photos

The photo must be submitted as an e-mail attachment in digital JPEG format, with a minimum dimension of 999 pixels x 999 pixels and must not exceed a file size of 5 MB.

5. Winner

5.1 Determining the winner

A jury consisting of at least 3 members from the GSW website editorial department will examine all submitted content and decide on a winner within a period of 4 weeks after the expiry of the submission deadline.

The following criteria will be taken into account in the decision:

- Motif and relevance to the theme
- Quality of the image (aesthetics, design, technical implementation)
- Originality and creativity

The winner will not receive a material prize or any fee. The prize will consist of the publication of the image and the nomination as winner.

Participants cannot obtain any justification regarding the selection or non-selection of a photo. If photos of equivalent quality are submitted, there may also be several winners.

If the quality of the submitted photos does not meet the quality requirements of the GSW jury, it is also possible that no winner will be nominated.

The organiser will notify the winners by e-mail. All other participants whose photos will be published will also be informed by e-mail.



6. Publication

6.1 Consent to publication

By submitting the photos and the required documents (Conditions for Participation and the "Image Rights Form"), you agree to the publication of your photo on the website www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmbf.de.

In addition to the winning photos, all other submitted photos can also be published if they meet the quality requirements of the GSW editorial department and if the corresponding approvals (Conditions for Participation, Image Rights forms) are present.

6.2 No entitlement to publication

There is no entitlement to publication.

6.3 Consent to the processing of the photos

The DLR Project Management Agency and the BMBF are permitted to post-process the images for publication, e.g. by resizing or cropping the images, as long as the original character of the motif is retained.

6.4 Deletion of photos

The organiser reserves the right to cancel a publication without giving reasons.

7. Rights of use, Exemption from liability by the participant

By submitting the personally signed "Image Rights Form", the sender grants the BMBF and the DLR Project Management Agency the non-exclusive rights of use mentioned therein, which are unlimited in time and space and free of charge.

The participant hereby affirms that he or she is the creator of the submitted image and has unrestricted exploitation rights to all parts of the image, that the image is free of third-party rights and that in the event of any representation of persons, no personal rights are infringed or a declaration of consent for publications is available.

Should third parties nevertheless assert claims due to infringement of their rights, the participants shall indemnify the organiser against all such claims.



8. Premature termination of the photo competition and exclusion from the competition

8.1

The organiser reserves the right to interrupt or terminate the photo competition at any time without prior notice and without giving reasons.

8.2

The organiser reserves the right to exclude participants from the competition at any time without prior notice and without giving reasons.

Exclusion may occur, for example, if the conditions for participation are infringed or in the event of attempts to influence the conduct of the competition in an inadmissible manner. Anyone who provides false personal data will also be excluded.

9. Cancellation of participation in the competition

Participation can be cancelled by sending an e-mail to GSW@dlr.de. In the event of cancellation, the photos published on the website www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmbf.de will be deleted on request.

10. Data privacy

Consent to the collection and storage of data

By submitting the personally signed Conditions for Participation, the participants agree to the use and storage of their data in accordance with our Privacy Policy (<https://www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmbf.de/en/privacy.html>).

11. Exclusion of legal recourse

Legal recourse is excluded. German law applies.

(Place, Date)

(Signature of submitter/
legal guardian)

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