



EU FOR NATURE 2000 IN SERBIA

Fact Sheet

- Photo contest "Natura 2000 in the frame" was organized by the project "EU for Natura 2000 in Serbia" in collaboration with and Energy Portal. During 11 weeks of competition, more than 1,500 photos were received. The best selection, 31 semi-finalists and 3 winning are placed on the exhibition on Kalemegdan Fortress from March 5th and during April 2021.
- The main topics on which photographers' amateurs and professionals responded were: protected areas and landscapes, natural beauties, flora and fauna in Serbia and sustainable human activities. The aim of the photo contest was to remind citizens of the importance and value of nature protection and to show natural beauties of Serbia.
- The Photo contest winner "Natura 2000 in the frame" and ranger of protected areas in the Public Company "Palic-Ludas", Levante Szekeres, has been photographing nature for ten years. He was born in Subotica and he is studying agricultural engineering and Sent Istvan Godolo University in Hungary. Levante won numerous awards and participated in several exhibition in Serbia and abroad. "Nature photography is self-expression form and my goal is to increase environmental awareness between people. Beside this, I love to catch moments that reflect uniqueness and creativity of nature", the first prized Levante Szekeres said.
- The second prize winner of the Photo contest "Natura 2000 in the frame" is Violeta Milutinovic, a special educator, orthoptist, and special pedagogue in Belgrade. So far, she has participated in 250 exhibitions in 30 countries worldwide and has won more than 200 awards and commendations for her work. She is the holder of the Candidate Master of Photography title of Serbia's Photo Association because of her significant contributions to photography.
- Anica Zupunski is the third prize winner of the Photo contest "Natura 2000 in the frame ". She is a doctor by vocation in Novi Sad, who has been engaged in photography for two decades. She is born in Zrenjanin and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in Sarajevo. Anica has participated in over 500 collective exhibitions in the country and worldwide, where she won several awards and recognitions. She had one solo exhibition in Novi Sad in 2009.
- The photo exhibition opening is celebrating the same week as the World Wild Animal Day on March 3rd, the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in 1973 – setting the day of celebrating and raising awareness of the world's wild animals and plants. World Wildlife Day is celebrating in 2021 under the theme "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet" as a way to highlight the central role of forest species and ecosystems services in sustaining the livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people globally, emphasising that the five national parks in Serbia are forest areas.