



Competition Rules

Solas - INEX 25th Anniversary Photography Competition

1 – ORGANISERS AND ELIGIBILITY

This competition is organised by the Irish Internet Neutral Exchange Association CLG (“INEX”).

The Solas - INEX Photo Competition (the “Competition”) is open only to individuals who are part of the worldwide IXP and peering community, who are at least eighteen (18) years old at the time of entry and have access to a device that can take digital pictures.

The following individuals are not eligible to enter the Competition:

- (a) employees of INEX and/or the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings and children) and household members of each such employee,
- (b) members of the INEX Committee
- (c) the Competition judges, regardless of the date of appointment, and/or their immediate family and household members.

2 – TIMING

Entries will be accepted until 18:00 UTC, 1st of September 2022 with the winning entries announced in September.

Entries must be original pictures captured after 1 January 2022 and must be taken by the person submitting them.

3 - OFFICIAL RULES AGREEMENT

Participation in this Competition constitutes the entrant’s full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules and administrator’s decisions, which are final and binding in all matters related to this Competition. Winning a prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements.

In the event of any dispute regarding the rules, conduct or the results of the competition or the provision of prize(s) (or any elements of the prize(s)), the decision of INEX will be final

4 – THEME

The theme of the competition is “Celebrating Light” in its many aspects. Only the photos respecting competition theme, in all its forms and according to each personal interpretation will be taken into consideration. Photographs can be in colour or black and white, focus on different subjects (e.g. people, landscapes, technology) and can be taken with any device that produces electronic images (from a simple smart phone to a professional camera).

5 – HOW TO ENTER

During the Competition Entry Period visit the competition website <https://www.inex.ie/solas/>

Follow instructions on the website, fully complete the Competition entry form submit your image and agree to the competition’s terms and conditions.

6 - TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORKS

Works must be sent in digital format. To allow for a correct visualization of the works, please send files that respect the following characteristics:

- JPG format not reduced;
- Optimal resolution 3000px on the long side;
- Both in colour and black and white pictures are accepted.
- For each work sent, participants must indicate:
 - title of the photography;
 - brief description of the subject;
 - location and instruments used
 - date when the picture was captured, which cannot be prior to 1st January 2022

7 – PARTICIPANT’S RESPONSIBILITY

Copyright of submitted photographs must be owned by entrants to the competition. By agreeing to the present Rules, the contest participants declare themselves authors and owners of submitted pictures and intellectual rights connected to them.

Pictures taken in restricted access zones will be subject to authorization by the body in charge and this must be declared by the person submitted the photograph to have been secured.

The competitor must inform possible third parties (persons portrayed) as well as obtaining written consent (release) to distribution of the same. In no case the images sent may contain data that can be qualified as sensitive.

Brand names should not be part of photographs entered in this competition.

8 – FUTURE USE OF ENTRIES

By submitting an entry, you grant INEX the right to reproduce, make available and publish your photograph, free of charge or restrictions in both digital and printed formats online, in news or publicity articles and on promotional materials and goods as well as in public exhibitions either online or physical.

The entrant will be credited appropriately.

Copyright in the photograph remains with the original copyright holder subject to the foregoing licence granted to INEX.

9 – RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

Each participant is responsible for the subject matter of their own works, keeping INEX free from any responsibility, including towards any person pictured.

By submitting an entry, you undertake and warrant that you are the sole and exclusive owner of the copyright and all other rights in the photograph and that it has not previously been submitted to any photographic competition. You agree to indemnify INEX their partners, staff and the competition judges from any injury, loss of damage which results from their use and/or reproduction and/or making available and/or publication of your photograph.

10 – JURY AND EVALUATION OF THE WORKS

A committee comprised of members of the INEX team, community and external expert(s) will judge the works submitted and announce the winners. This decision will be final.

The core jury of this competition is comprised by: Vesna Manojlovic (Community Builder RIPE NCC), Will St.Leger (Artist and designer), Jane R Coffin (CCO Connect Humanity), Shane Hartigan (INEX Board Chairperson) and Eileen Gallagher (INEX CEO).

INEX may introduce additional categories of winners dependant on the entries received.

11 – WINNERS and PRIZES

Notice to winners will be sent by email and announced across INEX mailing lists/ social media channels.

At the unquestionable decision of the committee, winner will lose the award made and the photo will be made invisible in all the channels in event of a complaint, further to which it is ascertained that the participant was not the owner of the rights, or the author of the photo sent.

Prizes

As this is a competition across the global peering community, defining individual prizes is not practical. We will therefore nominate a number of photography related prizes that the winner in each category can choose from, suitable to their needs and location.

- 1st Prize - €500 value.
- 2nd Prize - €300 value.
- 3rd Prize - €200 value.

Depending on the submissions received, INEX may also define additional prize categories but these will not impact the main prize allocation or value.

All taxes, insurance, fees and surcharges on any prize are the sole responsibility of the winner.

12 – PRIVACY INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

Informs that in compliance with the provisions of the GDPR and the documents having the force of law related that the personal data provided by the Competitors with the completion of the dispatch form of the photography, collected and processed with computer tools, will be used to identify the winners and to identify the authors of the photographs on the various occasions in which they will be exhibited or published and for communications relating to the competition itself.

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Competitor has the right to access data concerning them and exercise the rights of integration, rectification, cancellation, etc. requesting it from the data controller.

The conferment of data and consent to its processing are necessary conditions for participation in the competition and it is assumed conferred with the acceptance of the present regulation.

For FULL privacy policy and GDPR details at Picter please check <https://www.picter.com/privacy-policy>