

To all members of the PostEurop
Stamps and Philately Group

Brussels, 9 October 2014

Dear Members,

1. Most Beautiful Europa stamp 2014 – Online Competition

The results of the online competition “Most beautiful Europa stamp 2014” were presented at the PostEurop General Assembly in San Marino. The Gold winner of this year’s competition was Serbia. Silver went to Turkey and bronze to Greece. Congratulations to the winners!



The total number of votes received was 10.487, which is more or less on the same level as last year’s EUROPA competition.

2. Most Beautiful Europa stamp 2014 – Jury Competition

In addition to the public competition, PostEurop also held its fifth consecutive EUROPA Jury Competition at PostEurop’s Headquarters earlier this year.

The winning stamp came from bpost/Belgium with an illustration of a saxophone, celebrating the 200th anniversary of its inventor Adolphe Sax.

Second place went to Finland and third came San Marino. Congratulations to the winners!



3. Europa stamp themes for 2017–2018

We are happy to announce the outcome of the future EUROPA themes. The votes from all the members have now been counted and the themes for our future Europa stamps will be:

- Castles in 2017
- Bridges in 2018

4. Think Green theme for 2016

The work on national proposals for the 2016 Think Green competition is proceeding according to the time table. Today, we know that more than 50% of Member postal operators are going to take part in the competition and enter their artwork in the contest. The proposals have to be sent both digitally (minimum 300dpi) and as a printout where the colours match the original artwork.

Please remember that the artwork (both digital and printout) must not include mentions of the *country name, designer, value/currency or postal operator*. On the reverse of the printout you can indicate *the country name and the artist*.

All material has to be sent to:

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Antonio will be the only person who will know the origins of each artwork and this information will remain confidential for the entire process.

The artworks must arrive at PostEurop latest by 15 December 2014.

On 16 January 2015, each Member postal operator will receive all the digital images submitted and select 3 of their favourite images. The favourite is given 3 points, the second with 2 points and the third with 1 point. The points have to be sent per e-mail to Mr. Antonio Amaral (antonio.amaral@posteurop.org) at PostEurop latest by 31 January 2015.

PostEurop will count the points received and before the end of February 2015, the winner will be announced. If there are two designs with the same number of votes, the winner will be drawn from these two by the Chair Mrs. Anita Häggblom.

Every country will then receive the winning image to start their production of the 2016 EUROPA stamp soon after.

5. Think Green – joint folder

We often receive questions from the collectors as to where and how they could buy all EUROPA stamps in one set. We have now received a proposal from one of our members who is willing to produce such a folder with this theme.

Participating PostEurop operators would have to send a certain amount of their Think Green stamps to the producer for free.

PostEurop operators would be able to buy the limited edition album incl. stamps at cost price.

The more folders that are produced, the lower the price will be.

The sales price for the folder would be the face value of the stamps incorporated. Bear in mind that only a high enough number of stamps included will make the folder interesting to the customers. Therefore, we encourage you to consider taking part in this unique opportunity.

At this stage we would like to know if you would be interested to take part in a joint folder project like this or need further information. Please send your response to me or Mr Antonio Amaral.

For further questions, please contact Ms Anita Häggblom anita.haggblom@posten.ax or Mr Antonio Amaral antonio.amaral@posteurop.org

Yours sincerely,



Anita Häggblom
Chair
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