

To all Members of the PostEurop  
Stamps and Philately

Brussels, 30 October 2018

Dear Members,

### Most beautiful EUROPA stamp 2018 – Online Competition

The results of the “Most beautiful EUROPA stamp 2018” online competition was presented at the PostEurop Plenary Assembly in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 4 September 2018. The competition registered a record number of votes: 23,000 in total!



The first-place gold winner of this competition was **Turkey – PTT Turkish Post**, depicting the Edirne Uzunköprü Bridge from 15th century, considered to be the world’s longest and still standing stone bridge. (see stamp). Silver went to **Poland – Poczta Polska S.A.** and bronze to **Georgia – Georgian Post.**

Congratulations to the winners!



## Most Beautiful Europa stamp 2018 – Jury Competition

In addition to the public competition, PostEurop also held its EUROPA Jury competition at PostEurop's Headquarters in June this year. The jurors casted their closed ballots and two rounds of voting were necessary because of very high artistic level of stamps.

The winning stamp came from **bpost** (Belgium), illustrating one of the oldest bridges in Belgium and in Europe located in the city of Tournai/Doornik. The second place was shared by **Magyar Posta** (Hungary) and **Posti Group** (Finland). **Hrvatska Pošta d.d.**

(Croatia) was named the third-place winner of the competition. Congratulations to the winners!



### **Innovative project – EUROPA stamp 2019 “National birds”**

Looking forward, the Stamps & Philately Working Group is excited to launch the project of the EUROPA stamp 2019 “National birds”, conducted by Studio Excello in cooperation with PostNL (see previous Newsletter 4/2018). Please have a look at Appendix 1 where you will find an updated description of the project. If you have any further question please contact Mr. Arjan Jochems (PostNL), email: [arjan.jochems@postnl.nl](mailto:arjan.jochems@postnl.nl)

We have received a good number of interest from postal administrations and would like to encourage you to join the project which bring your stamps alive!

We are looking for your applications by **15 January 2019**.

To be clear: PostEurop itself will not be involved in the contractual and financial details of this project. Studio Excello will be the direct contractual partner for each participating Post.

### **EUROPA stamp 2020 “Ancient postal routes”**

Some members have inquired about the definition of the 2020 EUROPA stamp topic, which is “Ancient postal routes”. In order to avoid doubts regarding the interpretation of the topic, we suggest following definition:

Ancient postal routes: postal services, meaning the exchange of items over longer distances, put in place in a country or between countries before they were replaced by postal services operated by Governments and offering universal service (example: Thurn and Taxis).

### **Proposals for themes 2021–2022**

Now it is time to start the plans for our future EUROPA stamp themes. Members can send their proposals to Mrs. Agnieszka Trzaskowska, [agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl](mailto:agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl), at latest by **31 December 2018**.

The full list of all proposals will be sent to all members for voting by **31 January 2019**. The most favourite theme gets 3 points, the second 2 points and the third 1 point. Your votes have to be sent to PostEurop by **15 April 2019** at latest. The winning themes will be announced in **May 2019**.

We are looking for your creative ideas!

### **Save the date of 22 January 2018 in your calendar!**

We are organising the next meeting of the Stamps & Philately working group, open for all the members of PostEurop, in Brussels in order to plan our activities in the coming years. This meeting will take place on **22 January 2018 13:00–17:30 CET, at PostEurop Headquarters in Brussels (Address: Boulevard Brand Whitlock 114, 1200 Brussels)**. More information will be sent to you before the year-end.

All Members willing to share with us **their ideas or projects** to be presented during the meeting are asked to contact Agnieszka Trzaskowska ([agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl](mailto:agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl)) before the year-end.

Yours sincerely,

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