

APPROVED

by order No. V-5 of the Director of the  
Mažeikiai Museum

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## **REGULATIONS FOR ORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION-EXHIBITION "THOUGHTS OF THE LIVING EARTH"**

### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The regulations for organizing the International Environmental Photography Competition-Exhibition "Thoughts of the Living Earth" (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) set the goal of the International Environmental Photography Competition-Exhibition "Thoughts of the Living Earth" (hereinafter referred to as the Competition), the registration of participants, submission and evaluation of photographs, the exhibition display period and the procedure for awarding the winners.
2. The goal of the Competition is to draw the public's attention to the uniqueness of the nature around us, the growing climate change, environmental issues, and the development of environmental awareness.
3. The organizers of the Competition are the Mažeikiai Museum, Mažeikiai District Municipality, Mažeikiai Photo Club and the Lithuanian Photographers' Union.

### **II. THEME OF THE COMPETITION, PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZATION PROCEDURE**

4. The competition aims to reveal what is happening not only in our homes but also worldwide, to show the positive or negative human impact on nature, to strengthen responsibility for the fate of ourselves and the Earth and to affect the audience through photographic images that make them think – where are we going and where will we go, what are we doing to preserve nature.
5. Citizens of the Republic of Lithuania and foreign countries (except those subject to EU sanctions) from the age of 14 may participate in the competition.
6. A participant may submit no more than 3 individual photographs or one series of up to 5 photographs. The frames must not repeat.
7. When submitting photographs for the Competition, participants must also submit a completed, signed and scanned or electronically signed participant's questionnaire (Annex to the Regulations), which must include:
  - 7.1. the participant's first and last name;
  - 7.2. the participant's age;
  - 7.3. the country of citizenship;
  - 7.4. the title of the photograph(s) or series;
  - 7.5. the participant's email address;
  - 7.6. the participant's mobile phone number;
  - 7.7. confirmation that the participant is the author of the submitted photographs and is responsible for any third-party claims regarding copyright and image rights, should such arise;
  - 7.8. confirmation that the participant agrees with the Regulations and allows the organizers to use the submitted photographs for the Competition, as stated in point 26 of these Regulations.

8. The photographs submitted for the Competition must be in JPG or TIF format (300 dpi, long side 2000 px).
9. Photographs that have already been submitted to previous "Thoughts of the Living Earth" competitions may not be submitted.
10. Photographs that do not meet the requirements outlined in the Regulations will not be evaluated.
11. The invitation to participate in the Competition will be publicly announced no later than April 1, 2025, on the websites [www.mazeikiumuziejus.lt](http://www.mazeikiumuziejus.lt) and [www.mazeikiai.lt](http://www.mazeikiai.lt).
12. Participants must submit their photographs and completed participant's questionnaires via email to [gzm0023@gmail.com](mailto:gzm0023@gmail.com) by May 5, 2025.
13. Photographs will be evaluated by the Competition's photography evaluation committee, approved by the Director of the Mažeikiai Museum (hereinafter – the Committee), by June 2, 2025.
14. The Committee will evaluate the photographs anonymously, without knowing their authors. The organizers will not make any adjustments to the photographs.
15. Evaluation criteria for photographs:
  - 15.1. Fulfillment of all mandatory requirements;
  - 15.2. Compliance with the theme;
  - 15.3. Original interpretation;
  - 15.4. Lasting/artistic value.
16. The Committee will select up to 100 of the best photographs for the exhibition.
17. The authors of the photographs selected for the exhibition will be notified using the contact details they provided. The list of selected authors will be published on the Mažeikiai Museum's website, [www.mazeikiumuziejus.lt](http://www.mazeikiumuziejus.lt), and the Mažeikiai Museum's Facebook page no later than one month before the exhibition opening.
18. The exhibition of the Competition's photographs will be held at the Mažeikiai Museum from September 23, 2025, to November 8, 2025 (the organizers reserve the right to change the exhibition period in case of unforeseen circumstances).
19. The exhibition opening and the award ceremony will be organized during the exhibition period. The exact date and time will be publicly announced no later than 10 days before the event.
20. Information about the Competition and its results will be published on the Museum's website, [www.mazeikiumuziejus.lt](http://www.mazeikiumuziejus.lt), and the Mažeikiai Museum's Facebook social network page.

### **III. AWARDS**

21. The Committee will select the best photograph(s) from those chosen for the exhibition and the authors will be awarded the MAIN competition award – a medal and a diploma.
22. The Committee will select the best photograph(s) in the youth age group from 14 to 21 years and the author will be awarded the competition award – a medal and a diploma.
23. Various prizes for the Competition participants may be established by the Competition's sponsors.
24. All participants whose photographs are exhibited in the exhibition will be awarded "Thoughts of the Living Earth 2025" catalogs during the opening ceremony.

### **VI. FINAL PROVISIONS**

25. Information about the Competition can be obtained in Mažeikiai Museum (tel. +370 443 25798, email [gzm0023@gmail.com](mailto:gzm0023@gmail.com)).

26. By submitting photographs to the Competition, the participant agrees that their submitted photographs may be exhibited in the "Thoughts of the Living Earth 2025" exhibition and catalog as well as in exhibitions organized by the Mažeikiai Museum, printed in publications, and posted on the Mažeikiai Museum's website, as well as used for promotional purposes in all types of media during or after the Competition-Exhibition. The participant can withdraw their consent for the exhibition, printing and publication of their photographs by informing the organizers via email to [gzm0023@gmail.com](mailto:gzm0023@gmail.com). However, this does not affect the lawfulness of data processing based on consent before the withdrawal, and the catalog "Thoughts of the Living Earth 2025" if it has already been published or is ready for release/printing. The organizers are not obligated to carry out the actions mentioned in this point related to the exhibition, printing, or publication of the photographs.
  27. In implementing the Regulations, personal data will be processed according to the provisions of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
  28. The participant has the right to access their personal data, request the correction of inaccurate data, request the deletion of personal data or restrict its processing. They may also file a complaint with the State Data Protection Inspectorate if they believe their personal data is being processed in violation of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or other applicable laws.
  29. The personal data provided in the participant's questionnaire will be processed for the purposes of organizing the Competition and will be stored for 3 years after the announcement of the winners. The data related to the exhibition of the participant's photographs, publication, and the "Thoughts of the Living Earth" catalog's release will be stored for 50 years.
  30. Additional information on the processing of personal data is provided on the Competition organizer's website at <https://mazeikiumuziejus.lt/veikla/praneseju-apsauga/>
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