STATUTE AND REGULATIONS

OF THE COMPETITION
"PRESERVING THE NATURE OF PLANET EARTH"
Dedicated to **International Earth Day**,
Established in 2024
Second Edition 2024/2025

Organizer:

Primary School "St. St. Cyril and Methodius," Rupite, Municipality of Petrich, Blagoevgrad Region
Director: Snezhana Lazarova Tsvetkova
Competition Coordinator: Katya Angelova Stoeva

Supported by:

- Prof. Dr. Yanka Stoimenova – Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogy at SWU, Blagoevgrad
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. of Pedagogical Sciences Lidiya Tsvetanova-Churukova from SWU, Blagoevgrad
- Prof. Dr. Alexandra Zhoresovna Ovchinnikova, Lipetsk Region, Lipetsk, Russia
- Stefano Cobello – Coordinator of the European Pole of Knowledge Network, Verona, Veneto, Italy

Idea:

Through our actions, let us preserve nature and protect life in our local environment, our country, and planet Earth.

Objectives of the Competition:

- To develop and enrich ecological culture and activate the creative thinking of students through the creation and presentation of their ideas.
- To encourage participants to be more mindful and responsible toward the planet's environment. Activities and implemented projects should inspire reflection on our future, responsibilities, and obligations to care for the nature and life on Earth consciously.

Competition Themes:

- **"Our actions matter if we want a clean environment."**
- **"A clean environment means a better life on Earth."**
- **"Say THANK YOU to the planet through your actions."**
- **"Turn waste into resources: separate and recycle trash."**
- **"Environmental pollution affects the SUN—help it heal and give life."**
- **"Keep the environment clean to stay healthy."**
- **"My ideal for a home and garden as ecological spaces."**

- **“The school and its ecosystem in our vision for a safe environment.”**
- **“Preserve the air we breathe from pollution and toxins.”**
- **“Protect ecological trails from human destruction and maintain their purity.”**
- **“Take care of the water bodies in your local area.”**

Competition Scope:

National level with international participation.

Eligibility:

Students divided into three age groups:

- Grades 1–4
- Grades 5–7
- Grades 8–12

Participation is individual in all competition categories. Each participant may take part in two categories.

Categories:

1. **Literature**
    - Essays, short stories, or poems
      Requirements:

2. Works must be typed in Times New Roman font, size 12 or 14 pt, and submitted in an envelope containing a smaller envelope with the participant's full name, age, phone number, and address.

3. The large envelope must indicate the postal code, school name, teacher’s full name, and school address.

2. **Visual Arts**
   Requirements:

1. Artwork should be on cardboard or canvas, size 35 x 50 cm.

2. Materials and techniques are up to the participant.

3. Each piece may be accompanied by a motto or brief message, written on a separate sheet or the back of the artwork.

3. **Presentation or Project in Scratch**
   Requirements:

1. Submissions must be on a disk or flash drive, labeled with the participant’s full name, age, school, teacher, and contact details.

2. Presentations should be created in Microsoft PowerPoint, up to 21 slides, with a presentation time of up to 10 minutes.

3. Scratch projects may be made on https://scratch.mit.edu/ and shared via link after registration or submitted using other Scratch applications, clearly indicating the project's author.
Special Note: Submissions with original photos and videos related to the theme, which are engaging, original, and credible, will be encouraged.

Stages and Deadlines:

1. **Announcement of the competition:** November 1, 2024, through access to schools and institutions, letters to school directors and institutions, and other channels.
2. **Submission of participant applications:** By December 13, 2024, via email: **katya.an.stoeva@edu.mon.bg**
3. **Submission of competition materials:** By March 11, 2025.
4. **Announcement of results:** April 11, 2025, on the school's website.
5. **Award ceremony:** April 22, 2025, at a celebration dedicated to Earth Day.

Participants unable to attend the award ceremony will receive their prizes by mail.

Awards:

- **First, Second, and Third prizes** will be awarded for each age group and art form.
- Special prizes will also be established.
- Awards include certificates, books, albums, and diplomas for participation.
- Winning entries will be published in a book: **Preserving the Nature of Planet Earth.**

Honorary Jury:

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Submission Deadline: March 11, 2025

Gratitude and Encouragement:

We thank teachers, parents, supporters, and participants for their commitment to this competition. Together, we will build a brighter future for our beautiful planet!

BE HEALTHY, INSPIRED, AND DEDICATED TO CARING FOR THE PLANET—OUR SHARED HOME!
GOOD LUCK!
From the Organizers