



Balkan Green Belt Photo Contest 2016

The European Green Belt forms a 12.500 km long pan-European ecological corridor along the route of the former Iron Curtain from the Barents Sea in the north to the Mediterranean south of Europe, with an extraordinarily high level of biodiversity. The Balkan Green Belt is the southern part of the European Green Belt, running along 9 countries.

Participate in the photo contest!

The nature of the Balkan Green Belt is home to an astonishing variety of landscapes and creatures.

We invite all visitors and residents along the Balkan Green Belt to go on a journey of exploration and photograph the most beautiful motives and most impressive experiences.

Participation pays off!

The prizes are attractive and inspiring for all nature lovers. In addition the prize-winning pictures will be represented on www.greenbalkans.org and www.europeangreenbelt.org.

Be part of the first Balkan Green Belt Photo Contest taking place in all of the nine countries along the Balkan Green Belt!

Who can take part?

Each person travelling along or visiting the Balkan Green Belt in *Bulgaria*.

What are the prizes?

First and second prize – a day in the Lesser Kestrel Release and Adaptation Module in the village of Levka, Sakar – an opportunity to take close-up pictures of the rare falcons both in the aviaries and in the vicinities of the Module.

Third and fourth prize – a day in the field (Sakar) together with Green Balkans' staff, offering lots of opportunities to take pictures of the wildlife in the Bulgarian part of the Balkan Green Belt and participate in field activities.

Fifth prize – the fifth-place finisher will be given the opportunity to arrange an exhibition of his/her wildlife photographs in Green Balkans' Demonstration and Information Visitor's Center in the village of Levka, Sakar, as well as in the visitor's section of Green Balkans' Wildlife Rescue Center in Stara Zagora.

When is the closing date?

30th June 2016



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How can the photos be submitted?

The participation is free. Send your pictures to: gb_photo@greenbalkans.org

This is the jury

Lyubomir Andreev

Ivaylo Zafirov

Emil Enchev

The winners will be announced by the end of July 2016 on the website of Green Balkans NGO - www.greenbalkans.org.

We are looking forward to your pictures!



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Conditions of entry

Organisation. There is no entry fee. The organisers will bear the organisational costs of the competition. The organisers are Green Balkans NGO (Bulgaria) and EuroNatur (Germany). The competition is open to all persons who visited the Balkan Green Belt of the respective country. The closing date by which entries must arrive is 30th June 2016.

Subjects and judging. Subject is the Balkan Green Belt part of the respective country. The jury will award prizes to the top FIVE pictures.

The jury consists of distinguished and experienced wildlife photographers – Lyubomir Andreev, Ivaylo Zafirov, and Emil Enchev.

The prize-winning pictures will be represented through the websites of the organisers and europeangreenbelt.org. The jury's decisions are final. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify pictures that were obviously taken by infringing the code of conduct for wildlife photographers. This can be found at <http://www.euronatur.org/Code-of-conduct.736.0.html>. Digitally manipulated pictures and pictures that were not taken along the Balkan Green Belt of the respective country will not be accepted.

Pictures. No more than 5 pictures may be entered per person. Entries shall be in the form of digital colour pictures, submitted by email (but no prints, no black and white photographs and no panorama formats).

The titles of digital picture files must contain the photographer's name and the name and number (1-5) of the picture (e.g. MaxMueller_Brownbear_Croatia_1.jpg). Pictures of animals or plants taken in controlled conditions (pen, botanical gardens or similar) must be identified by a "C" in the file name and contain corresponding information in the list of pictures.

Digital manipulation. No subsequent modification of a picture or its content is permitted. Adding or removing animals, parts of animals, plants, unwanted elements, people etc. into/from the image is also not allowed.

List of pictures. The entry must include a list of the pictures in Bulgarian or English as pdf or Excel-file. In addition to the name, email and address of the photographer,



picture title and number (1 to 5), this list must also provide a detailed description of the subject including the following information: date the picture was taken, species (if possible), location (country, region, habitat, nature reserve, etc.) as well as a short story about the development and background of the picture.

Entries shall be submitted via gb_photo@greenbalkans.org. No more than 5 pictures per person plus an accompanying list of the pictures may be entered. Entries can only be accepted if entrants abide the given instructions.

Copyright, liability and posting. The copyright for all photos entered must be held by the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright to his/her pictures at all times and his/her name will appear alongside the photo whenever it is published. By entering the competition the contestant grants the competition organisers the right to use the photos entered free of charge for the following purposes:

- The use of the photos to advertise the competition in the competition organisers' publications, on their websites and in press coverage.
- All prize-winning pictures may be used by the organiser EuroNatur and Green Balkans NGO for commercial sale of communication material and its advertisement, like calendars.
- All prize-winning pictures may be used by the organiser EuroNatur and Green Balkans NGO for an exhibition and its advertisement.
- The non-profit foundation EuroNatur and Green Balkans NGO have the right to use the prize-winning photos in their own publications to advertise their conservation projects at the Balkan Green Belt. Pictures that have been entered but have not won prizes will only be used for the above purposes after consultation with the photographer and by contractual agreement.

The use of the photos beyond the above-mentioned purposes may only proceed after consultation with the photographer. Rights to pictures may not be held by agencies or publishers. The organisers do not accept any liability for claims of third parties.

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