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# Photo Contest

The **European Day of Justice** is celebrated each year around 25 October. It aims to bring **justice** closer to citizens, to inform them on their rights and to promote the work of the European Union and Council of Europe in the field of access to **justice**.

Since 2020, the European Day of Justice is marked in North Macedonia with public events and other activities that are organised as part of the joint EU and Council of Europe awareness raising initiative on Free Legal Aid (FLA).

This initiative is organised in the framework of the joint EU and Council of Europe "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye".

## Let's bring Justice closer to the citizens!

This year, the **European Day of Justice** will be marked with organisation of a photo competition titled "**Let's bring justice closer to the citizens**".

We are inviting youngsters (18-30 years old) from all the regions in North Macedonia to be part of this competition which aims to raise awareness about the importance of the access to justice for all without discrimination in line with European standards.



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## Rules and description

**Applying Date:** from **25th of October to 25th of November 2023.**

**Rules:** Original and creative photos should depict the benefits and advantages that equal access to justice can bring to everyone's life. All photos should be submitted with an explanatory caption in Macedonian.

**Ages:** The competition is open to talented amateur photographers from North Macedonia, aged between 18 and 30 years.

**Description:** The competition challenges contestants to capture the essence of justice through the lens of a camera. The young photographers will be evaluated on their creative interpretation of justice (promoting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law), as well as related technical visual aspects of the photos. Photographers conveying positive and empowering contexts or messages in their photos are encouraged and particularly invited to participate. The photos will be also evaluated on the basis of the pertinence of their message and their artistic merits.

**Selection:** The evaluation process will be conducted by an assessment team composed by Council of Europe representatives, representatives from the team of Young European Ambassadors in North Macedonia, as well as independent professionals with relevant background.

**Exhibition:** All qualified photos will be exhibited for the public at the beginning of December to also mark the International Human Rights Day (concrete dates to be confirmed). During the exhibition, the winners will be announced, and certificates awarded. The winners of the photo competition will be promoted on the EU/Council of Europe channels, and the winning photos will be printed out as posters and disseminated in the framework of the awareness raising initiative on FLA and further utilised on the Council of Europe materials (reports/leaflets/studies).

**How to apply? -** All you need to do is, take a photo (min 6 Megapixels in .jpg format) and send it to us on the following email: [DG1.FLA.NM@coe.int](mailto:DG1.FLA.NM@coe.int). You will need to include the name, surname and age of the author, and a short description/caption of the photo and the contact information. You are allowed to submit maximum three (3) photos.

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