# **EDF Photo Competition 2023. ‘Breaking Barriers – Stories and voices of women and girls with disabilities’ Rules and Authorisation**

# Theme

# The European Disability Forum (EDF) is announcing its open call to submit entries for its annual photo competition 2023.

# Women and girls, particularly those with disabilities, are consistently left behind in various aspects of life. Across all life stages, women encounter both instances of discrimination and opportunities for growth, challenges, and achievements that shape their experiences.

# The EDF Photo Competition 2023 ‘Breaking Barriers – Stories and voices of women and girls with disabilities’ aims to challenge participants to present images that break down stereotypes and preconceptions surrounding women with disabilities from diverse cultural, background, and/or ethnic contexts.

# We are seeking pictures that capture their everyday lives, struggles, and accomplishments, covering a broad range of topics, including gender and social equality in:

# work,

# sports,

# health,

# culture,

# accessibility

# activism and leadership,

# maternity and

# personal identity.

# This competition is open to all who wish to contribute to portraying the empowerment of women and girls with disabilities around the world. Your photograph may amplify their voices and show their stories.

# Who can apply?

EU/EEA citizens or residents from all ages and there is no entry fee. Participation is individual, not as an organization.

# How do you enter?

# The entries can be submitted by emailing them to Natalia Suarez (natalia.suarez@edf-feph.org)

# All submissions are due on the 15 of December 2023, 23.59 CET

# What can you submit?

All participants **must** submit the following three:

1. One original single high-resolution photo (300dpi) with image description or one original single artistic representation (comics and drawings) with image description telling the story  
     
   **Allowed:** editing, filters, camera built-in effects.

**Not allowed:** Collages (more than one photo), watermarks, text, or other elements added to the photo.

1. A short description in English including the author’s name, and the city and country where the photo was taken.
2. A signed copy of the Rights Authorization (page 4). Two signatures are needed, one from the person who took the picture and one from the person(s) appearing IN the picture. Participants taking a photograph of children, ensure that they obtain and provide us with the written consent of that child’s parents/guardian.

The entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

* Quality of the picture
* Innovation
* Creativity
* Relevance to the theme

Entries that are offensive, defamatory or obscene, or that disclose unnecessary personal information will also be rejected from the competition.

## Copyright

All entries must be original work and the participant must either be the sole owner or the transferee of the copyright. By entering the competition, participants retain full copyright of their images. However, participants also agree to be bound by [Facebook legal terms](https://www.facebook.com/legal/terms). Participants also grant the European Disability Forum the right to publish and exhibit uploaded photographs.

# How will the photos/ materials be selected?

All photos and artistic representation are checked to make sure that they meet the competition rules before being accepted and shortlisted. Once a photo or artistic representation has been reviewed, participants will receive an email with notification of whether it has been accepted or rejected. All pictures will be included in an album on EDF’s Facebook page.

## Jury

The jury will be composed by one member of EDF Board, a member of EDF Women’s Committee, two members of the staff, as well as two professional photographers.

## Selection of winners

There will be a selection of 20 finalists which will be exhibited online and in social media. The winner’s name will be revealed from January 2024.

The jury’s decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered in on its decision. At the end of the jury selection period, the 20 finalists will be notified by email.

# Prizes

The three final nominees will receive:

* 1st place award: 500 euros
* 2nd place award: 300 euros
* 3rd place award: 200 euros

# Acceptance of Competition Rules

By entering the competition, the participants agree to be bound by the Competition Rules, including acceptance of granting copyright to EDF.

# Cheating

Fairness and respect are the basis of the competition. Any participant reasonably suspected of cheating, will be disqualified from the competition and their entries removed. No correspondence will be entered in on this matter.

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