

Rules contest

Unleashing European Creativity - EU Webtoons Project

1. CONTEST DESCRIPTION

Creative Europe Webtoon contest (later "Contest") will accept submissions between 15 May 2023 8h00 CET and 31.08.2023 11h59 CET. The winner selection period will be done between 1 September, 2023 and 15 October, 2023. Complete list of Winners will be announced at Lucca Comics and Game Festival in November 2023. Detailed information about the Contest is included in these Official Rules. By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to the Official Rules below and warrants that the entry doesn't break any of the requirements mentioned in the Official Rules below.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Contest is open to residents of all EU countries and non-EU countries participating in the Creative Europe Programme. See the list of eligible non-EU countries here: [List of non-EU Participating Countries in the Creative Europe Programme](#)

Members of the organization and the jury are not eligible to participate in the contest. Immediate family members (parents, siblings, children, spouses) of the organizers or jury members are also not allowed to participate.

Entries may be submitted by individual creators or by a group of creators working together.

Individuals who enter the Contest must be at least fifteen (15) years old as of 15 May 2023, whether as individuals or as part of a team. If any individual entering the Contest is under eighteen (18), the individual must have permission from a parent or a legal guardian to enter the Contest. If a person under eighteen (18) is selected as a winner, parent or a legal guardian is required to provide a written consent to participate in the Contest and accept the prize. The parent or legal guardian is also required to provide all required paperwork on the entrant's behalf.

3. HOW TO ENTER

Go to the Contest website during the Submission Period and follow the on-screen instructions to submit your Work. All entries must be submitted during the Submission Period in digital format through the online form on the Contest website. No hard copies will be accepted for judging.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED ENTRIES

Requirements for qualified submissions to the Contest are as follows:

- a. Maximum one (1) chapter
- b. Minimum of twenty (20) panels, maximum of sixty (60) panels
- c. Language of the submission can be anything. Submissions that aren't in english must be accompanied with a translation to english for easier judging

d. Submission files must be in JPG-format, with each file being less than 900px wide and 1300px long. They must be under 2MB each. Entrants can submit up to 100 files in total, with a maximum total size of 20MB

e. All copyright to the submission must be owned by the individual or group submitting it

5. RESTRICTIONS

a. The work being submitted must be new, no older than from the year 2020.

b. The work may not have any third-party agreements that prohibit its publication in the Contest.

c. The work may not be published by third-party publisher.

d. The work may not use stock materials from others outside of the team/individual submitting the work to the Contest (including AI-generated materials).

e. The work must not include inappropriate, offensive, defamatory, pornographic or plagiarized content.

f. The work must not include harassment, abuse, threats, racist or otherwise hateful content or to encourage others to be violent towards any group of people.

g. The work must not contain any form of corruptive code that might harm or compromise the Contest.

Violation of any of these rules may result in disqualification of the Work submission to the Contest and/or nullification and removal of any prizes awarded to the Work.

EU Webtoons Creative Europe Webtoon contest organizers reserve the right to validate and/or disqualify any entrant/submission in accordance with these Official Rules at any time.

6. RIGHTS

Each individual or team understands the following:

a. The entrant or team owns and retains the copyright to the submission.

b. The entrant or team have read and agreed to these Terms of Use:

i. The entry submitted fills the requirements listed in the Official Rules

ii. The entry submitted fills the restrictions listed in the Official Rules

iii. The entrant(s) hold Creative Europe Webtoon contest organizers harmless against all claims and costs by any third party arising from a breach of this warranty.

7. JUDGING AND WINNERS

This is a Contest based on skills. Judging and selection of the winners will be done from eligible entries according to these judging guidelines:

Up to 10 points for Narrative – The story has a strong plot and strong character(s).

Up to 10 points for Readability - The story is easy to read on mobile device and desktop.

Up to 10 points for Clarity - The story is delivered clearly and is easy to follow.

Up to 10 points for Visual Originality - The art style fits the comic.

The jury looks for originality that explores diverse visuals that best suit the story. The Jury process is secret. The jury may give comments to individual comics, but they aren't required to do so.

A maximum of forty (40) points may be assigned to each entry by the panel of judges. EU Creative Europe Webtoons contest organizers reserve the right to select fewer or more winners if the EU Creative Europe Webtoons contest organizers see it fit. All the matters regarding the Contest are final and binding.

Potential prize winners must accept their prize by replying to an email sent by the EU Creative Europe Webtoons contest organizers in a timely manner, no later than two weeks since the email informing them of winning was sent, or the prize winner will be reselected. The potential prize winners must also send all required paperwork in a timely manner, no later than two weeks since the email informing them what paperwork is needed from them was sent.

EU Creative Europe Webtoons contest organizers are not responsible in case the entrants are contacted fraudulently by users not in the EU Creative Europe Webtoon contest organizers team.

8. CONTEST PRIZES

Contest prizes are as follows (All prizes are excluded VAT):

- Seven (7) Finalist Prize Winners: The Finalist Prize winners will receive One Thousand Euros (1000€ EUR).
- One (1) 3rd Place Prize Winner: The 3rd Place Prize winner will receive Six Thousand Euros (6000€ EUR).
- One (1) 2nd Place Prize Winner: The 2nd Place Prize winner will receive Ten Thousand Euros (10.000€).
- One (1) 1st Prize Winner: The 1st Prize winner will receive Fifteen Thousand Euros (15.000€ EUR).
- One (1) Readers' Choice Prize Winner: The Readers' Choice Prize winner will receive extra Two Thousand Euros (2000€ EUR) on top of their other Prize sum.

Entrants acknowledge that, if a team of contestants is selected as a winner, the prize money shall be paid to the individual designated by such team as their representative. The total Value of all prizes to be awarded is Forty Thousand Euros (40.000€ EUR). Each prize winner shall be solely responsible for all national and/or local taxes, and the reporting consequences thereof, and for any other fees or costs associated with the prize. Winners agree that the EU Creative Europe Webtoons contest may deduct and withhold any sums, including all tax obligations required to be withheld and/or paid by any governmental authority.

9. PRIVACY POLICIES

Entrants hereby agree that the Contest will collect users' names, usernames, email addresses and other necessary personal information. The information will only be used for the Contest and/or the delivery of the prize. By providing this information, entrant(s) agree

that the Contest organizers can collect and handle this information. The information will be kept for 24 months and then deleted.

Each winner agrees that the Contest is allowed to use said winner's name, username, entry, photograph, likeness, statements, biographical information, voice, city/country for promoting or advertising the Contest worldwide in all media forms in perpetuity without permission or further compensation.

10. GENERAL LIABILITY RELEASE

Entrant(s) agree that the Creative Europe Webtoon contest organizers shall not be responsible or liable for any costs, injuries, losses, damages sustained by the entrant(s), except in the event of wilful misconduct of gross negligence on the part of the Creative Europe Webtoon contest.

By participating in the Contest, entrant(s) accept the Official Rules and agree to be bound by the decisions the Creative Europe Webtoon contest organizers make.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

Force majeure shall mean any unforeseeable and exceptional situation beyond the control of the Creative Europe Webtoon Contest organizers, which prevents them from fulfilling their obligations with the Contest. If the Contest is faced with force majeure it shall notify the entrant(s) without delay on the Contest website and/or through email. In case of any force majeure situation, the Creative Europe Webtoon Contest organizers reserve the right to cancel, suspend, modify or delay the Contest.