

COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

“Photo Erasmus+ 2026 – fourth edition”

1. Competition organiser

The competition is organised by the **University of Warsaw**, International Relations Office (IRO), ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warsaw, NIP: 525-001-12-66, REGON: 000001258.

2. Competition rules

The competition involves sending photographs taken during studies or internships under the Erasmus+ program in the academic year 2025/2026 to the International Relations Office.

Photographs must be sent by email to: erasmusbwz@uw.edu.pl

Each contestant may submit **up to 3 photographs**, sent as attachments to an email, containing the following information:

- name and surname,
- UW student ID number,
- name of the host university/ institution,
- description of the place where the photo was taken (if more than 1 photograph is submitted, each photograph should be numbered in the file name and descriptions should be assigned to the appropriate numbers).

Submission requirements

Only digital images will be accepted in the competition.

Each photograph sent by the contestant must meet the following requirements:

- format: landscape
- format: jpg without compression, with maximum quality
- size: not more than 10 Mb
- resolution: 300 dpi
- no borders, signatures, texts and watermarks - each photograph should reflect the actual nature of the place
- by submitting each photograph the contestant declares that they hold the copyright to the photograph or they have been authorized by the copyright holder to submit the photograph in this competition

It is prohibited to submit images generated (totally or partially) by using artificial intelligence (AI), graphic software or any other generative programs.

It is prohibited to submit images that have been recognized or awarded before in another competition organised by the same or different Organiser.

1. Who can enter the competition?

The competition is open to students of the University of Warsaw who participated in a mobility under the Erasmus+ Programme (studies including BIP or internships) in the academic year 2025/2026.

2. Deadline

Photographs should be sent by August 4, 2026, by 11:59 PM, with the email title: "Photo competition Erasmus 2026". Applications submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.

3. Copyright

Each contestant must submit their ***"Consent to the processing of personal data and the use of the competition entry"*** (Appendix no. 1) along with the attached photographs, where they declare that:

- a) they hold a full copyright or relevant authorisations to the submitted photographs and grant the Organiser a license to use their artwork in accordance with the Terms and Conditions;
- b) their submission of photographs to the competition and their use by the Organiser, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, does not infringe the rights of third parties, in particular copyright, related rights, personal rights and image rights;
- c) they have the consent of the persons visible in the photographs (if recognizable) to have their image published.

4. Announcement of results

The competition results will be published by November 30, 2026.

The winners and all other contestants will be notified by e-mail. The winners will be presented during a gala event in December 2026, attended by Mobility Coordinators of the respective units.

5. Prizes

The winners will be awarded with:

- publication of the winning photos in the IRO calendar - 2027, with information about the authorship;
- **Empik gift card worth PLN 200** (for each author of the winning photographs).

6. Selection of winners

The winners (12 contestants) will be selected by a 5-person committee composed of employees of the University of Warsaw. If the number of applications is insufficient or the photographs do not meet the technical requirements, the committee may award more than one prize to the same person. In such a case, the participant shall be entitled to **only one Empik gift card**, regardless of the number of photographs awarded.

Additionally, the committee will select **3 photographs** to be published on the UW students' Facebook group. Votes will be cast for the photos for a week. The photo with the most votes will decorate the cover of the calendar, and its author will receive an **Empik gift card worth PLN 200**.

The judging process over the photographs is defined by the committee itself. The committee decisions are final.

When selecting photos, the committee will follow their own opinion, taking into account the aesthetic value of the photos, the originality and creativity of the contestants - authors, and the connection to the Erasmus+ program. In case of a dispute, the chairman of the committee will take a final decision.

7. Prize for the UW sending faculty/institute

The UW unit (faculty, institute, department) with the biggest number of winning contestants will receive a laptop for official use worth approximately PLN 5,000.

The unit is considered to be the lowest organizational unit at which the Erasmus+ Programme is implemented, i.e. the place where the mobility coordinator operates. In the event of a tie, the winning unit

will be selected by drawing lots. The prize cannot be awarded to the winner of the last year's competition, i.e. The American Studies Center.

8. Complaints

Any complaints regarding the course of the competition or the selection of winners can be submitted within 14 days of the announcement of the results, in writing - by e-mail or letter:

- e-mail: erasmusbwz@uw.edu.pl
- address: International Relations Office, University of Warsaw, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warsaw.

9. Final Provisions

The Competition terms and conditions shall enter into force on the date of publication.

Warsaw, June 16, 2026