

Newsletter 1/2017 Stamps & Philately Working Group

To all Members of the PostEurop Stamps and Philately

Brussels, 28 March 2017

Dear Members,

1. Voting for two future EUROPA stamp themes

With this letter, you will find a list of proposed future EUROPA stamp themes. We have received over 100 proposals. As several of them are very specific and suitable for only a limited number of the members, the Steering Group has received and decided at its last meeting to reorganize the proposal into themed groups. We ask that each member provide us with their top theme choices, simply by giving three points to your first choice, two points to your second choice and one point to your third option.

Please send your final score to Mr. Antonio Manuel Amaral (antonio.amaral@posteurop.org) no later than 30 April 2017.

The results will be announced before the summer break.

2. EUROPA stamps 2017 - Castles

I hope you have filled in the information sheet with all the technical details of your 2017 EUROPA stamp(s) for PostEurop's dbase. If you have not done so, please send this information together with the digital image of your stamps to Mr Antonio Manuel Amaral at PostEurop no later than 31 March 2017. In the case that you issue two EUROPA stamp design, please let us also know which one of these stamps will take part in the competitions mentioned hereunder.

3. Most Beautiful EUROPA stamp 2017 – public voting over the internet

Preparations for the competition "The Most Beautiful Europa stamp 2017" on the website of PostEurop http://www.posteurop.org/europa2017 have begun. The duration of the online competition will be from 9 May till 9 September 2017.

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We are asking all members to use their marketing channels to promote the competition and encourage votes. A communication package will be sent to you soon, in a separate communication.

The announcement of winners and awards of the Jury Competition will be presented during the PostEurop Plenary Assembly in Bucharest on 27-28 September 2017.

4. Most Beautiful EUROPA stamp 2017 - professional jury panel

As in previous years, a professional jury panel will also have the opportunity to deliberate and choose a favourite in the competition "Most beautiful EUROPA stamp 2017". The jury will make its selection in Brussels on 19 June 2017. For this purpose, the jury needs access to the printed stamps.

The winners will be announced on 16 September 2017 at the Grand-prix de l'art Philatelique ceremony at the City Hall in Brussels.

The announcement of winners and awards of the Jury Competition will be presented during the PostEurop Plenary Assembly in Bucharest 27-28 September.

Note! To enter the competition with the jury panel, PostEurop / Mr. Antonio Manuel Amaral needs to receive your country's stamp, by physical mail, no later than 1 June 2017.

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