



The [WBG+IMF Eurasia Staff Association/Eurasia EBRG](#) in partnership with the [WBG-IMF International Photographic Society \(IPS\)](#) would like to announce the 2019 Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Photo Contest to showcase through pictures the cultural richness, historic heritage, traditions, and holidays of the ECA region.

The theme of the Photo Contest is

**"Cultures. Traditions. Diversity."**



**WHO:** Eligible contributors include all WBG and IMF staff (including STCs and STTs) and their spouses (partners).

**WHAT:** Eligible images should have been taken during the past two years and authored by the contributor. The images may depict ceremonies, including dancing and other folklore scenes, national costumes, artefacts, cuisine, and other elements of cultural heritage. The best images can be from your projects/countries/personal travel and must highlight the ECA region.

**HOW:** Please submit up to five of your best/favorite photos in high resolution (min. 1 MB), landscape orientation, .PNG or .JPEG format to [eurasiastaffexec@worldbank.org](mailto:eurasiastaffexec@worldbank.org).

Each photo submission must be accompanied by:

- CAPTION: a short description of the activity or situation depicted
- DATE, LOCATION the image was taken and country

If there are individuals present on the photo work, we will assume that they do not object. If necessary, it is contestant's responsibility to obtain such permissions.

**WHEN:** All entries must be received by 6:00 PM (EST) **Saturday, November 30, 2019** by sending to [eurasiastaffexec@worldbank.org](mailto:eurasiastaffexec@worldbank.org).

The Photo Contest winners will be announced by December 15, 2019. The winning photos will be included in the ESA/Eurasia EBRG 2020 Wall Calendar. The photo contest winners will receive gifts with ESA logo and copies of the calendar.

**JUDGING:** Judges will include Executive Board members of Eurasia Staff Association/Eurasia EBRG and International Photographic Society (IPS) representatives. Entries will be judged on subject matter relevance, originality, and technical excellence. The story behind the photo or video may influence the judges' decisions. Decisions made by the judges are final.

**WINNING ENTRIES:** All entries may be used by ESA in printed publications (i.e. wall calendar or postcards), on any ESA web asset, ESA event, in a ESA slideshow, or in any other ESA-produced media including social media. ESA commits to use the photos with appropriate attribution to the photographer.

**COPYRIGHT:** By entering, you retain copyright and remain the owner of your images and may also continue to use them in any manner you choose. You agree that the images you submit may be used by ESA in printed publications, on ESA's online resources, in a slideshow and other multimedia products, may be uploaded on ESA's internal webpage and Facebook, with proper attribution to the author.

Thank you!  
WBG-IMF Eurasia Staff Association/ Eurasia EBRG

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**Deadline for submission is Friday, November 30, 2019.**

**If you have any questions, please contact us at: [eurasiastaffexec@worldbank.org](mailto:eurasiastaffexec@worldbank.org)**

**In case you were a winner of the 2019 photo contest and have not picked up the prizes yet, kindly contact us via above email.**