

EUROPEAN UNION

DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

PHOTO CONTEST

Focus on EU Global Gateway in Mauritius



Terms and Conditions of the Photo Contest

1. Introduction

The Global Gateway initiative, launched by the European Union, aims to strengthen global partnerships through sustainable and inclusive infrastructure development. By supporting green and digital transitions, Global Gateway aligns with the EU's broader goals of boosting economic growth, improving connectivity, and fostering resilience in developing regions.

Objectives of the Global Gateway are to:

- Accelerate the green transition
- Accelerate the digital transition
- Accelerate sustainable growth and decent job creation
- Strengthen health systems
- Improve education and training.

The Global Gateway is based on 6 principles:

- democratic values and high standards
- good governance and transparency
- equal partnerships
- green and clean
- security focused
- · catalysing private sector investment

Photography is a powerful tool to help tell a story. The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius is launching a photo contest that depicts the longstanding partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius through its national and regional programmes/ projects. Through photography, we want our project implementing partners to demonstrate the impact of the EU-Mauritius partnership in contributing to bringing a change. The exhibition will be about sharing inspiring stories, highlighting good practices and key achievements and promoting the power of collective action.

2. Theme of the Contest

The theme of the contest is "**Focus on EU Global Gateway in Mauritius**". Participants are encouraged to submit photos <u>of all projects</u> that illustrate the impact of EU-supported projects in the Republic of Mauritius¹, highlighting long-term collaboration, sustainability, and development. Key areas include:

- Human rights
- Good governance
- Biodiversity
- Agriculture
- Fisheries
- Food development agenda
- Climate resilience and disaster risk reduction
- Energy
- Transport
- Support to businesses,
- Economic integration
- Sustainable financing
- Youth mobility
- Research
- Digital transformation
- Security.

3. Eligibility

- The contest is open to project implementing partners, beneficiaries, and stakeholders involved in EU-funded initiatives (bilateral and regional) in the Republic of Mauritius.
- Each participant may submit multiple photos.
- Photos must illustrate actions undertaken over the past five (5) years as from the date of publication of this contest.
- By entering the contest, participants confirm that they are the original creators of the submitted photos and hold full rights to their work.

¹ Mauritius, Rodrigues and Outer Islands

4. Submission Guidelines

- Photos must be submitted in JPEG, PNG, or TIFF format.
- Minimum resolution: 300 dpi, with dimensions between 2000 and 6000 pixels on the longest side.
- Maximum file size: 15 MB.
- The photos must have been taken in the Republic of Mauritius and should directly relate to EU-funded projects.
- Digital enhancements (such as contrast, brightness, and color balance adjustments) are allowed, but manipulation altering the content is prohibited.
- Photos must not include watermarks, logos, or text overlays.

Each submission must be accompanied by:

- A **title** (maximum 10 words)
- The date and location where the photo was taken
- The name of the photographer or project to be credited
- A short **caption** in English or French (50-150 words) explaining the context of the image

5. Deadline for Submission

- The contest opens on 17 March 2025 and the deadline for submission is 11 April 2025.
- Photos should be submitted via email or an online transfer platform (e.g., WeTransfer) to **eumru.photocontest@gmail.com**.

6. Selection and Judging

A jury panel will review all submitted photos and select a series of 10 finalist photos that best represent the theme "Focus on EU Global Gateway in Mauritius." These selected photos will be showcased in an exhibition on 9 May 2025 during the official Europe Day reception.

7. Prizes

 Out of the 10 finalist photos, the jury will award three winning photos during the exhibition. The winners will receive special recognition and a prize during the event.

8. Rights and Usage of Photos

- By submitting a photo, participants grant the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and its partners the right to use, reproduce, exhibit, and publish the photos in any format (print, digital, social media, etc.) for promotional and communication purposes.
- The **name of the photographer** or project will always be credited when the photo is used.
- Photos will not be used for commercial purposes.
- No financial compensation will be provided for the use of submitted photos.

9. Code of Conduct

Please always ensure the subject(s) fully understand(s) and freely consent(s) to being photographed, including how their image(s) may be used (they must sign a model release form – link below).

Basic principles to follow are:

- Photographs should always demonstrate respect, focusing on the dignity and agency of the subject(s).
- Photographs should not stereotype, sensationalise or mislead.
- Be aware of intellectual property rights that can apply to buildings, artworks, etc.
- If there are children in the picture, the parents/guardian must sign the model release form.

10. Legal Considerations

- Participants must ensure that the images do not infringe on any copyrights, trademarks, or rights of third parties.
- If the photos feature recognizable individuals, participants must obtain consent from those individuals before submission.
- The Delegation of the European Union and its partners are not liable for any disputes arising from unauthorized use of images.

11. Announcements of Results

- Winners will be notified via email and announced on [official social media pages].
- Selected photos may be included in an exhibition or featured in EU publications.
- Winners outside Mauritius will be required to make their own arrangement to travel to Mauritius to attend the official award ceremony.

12. Acceptance of Terms

By entering the contest, participants agree to abide by these terms and conditions. Any violation may result in disqualification.

13. Personal Data Protection

Your personal data is processed in accordance with <u>Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data that entered into force on 11 December 2018 and is aligned with the provisions of <u>Regulation (EU) 2016/679</u>, the <u>GDPR</u>. The European External Action Service (EEAS), of which the Delegation forms part, aims at implementing data protection fully in conformity with the standards set out in the revised legislative framework using flexible privacy-friendly tools with appropriate measures achieving compliance.</u>

These rules provide a legal framework and ensure that your data are:

- processed fairly, lawfully and in a transparent manner
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed for any incompatible purpose
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary
- accurate and kept up to date enabling inaccurate or incomplete data to be corrected or erased
- kept for no longer than necessary
- processed securely including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures
- not transferred to third parties without adequate safeguards
- processed in a way that you can exercise your rights as a data subject.

14. Contact

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