

DEMOCHANGE PHOTO CONTEST

TERMS OF COMPETITION

„DEMOCHANGE“ is the short name for a research program on the challenges of demographic changes. The Alpine Space "DEMOCHANGE" project's aim is to better understand the past, current and future regional and spatial impacts of demographic change specifically within the mountain regions. The project DEMOCHANGE is co-funded by the "Alpine Space Programme", the EU transnational co-operation programme for the Alps. For more information go to www.demochange.org

The DEMOCHANGE PHOTO CONTEST will be an important part of this scientific research project to illustrate in individual cases, at certain places and with special people the general findings of this research project. Together, the photographs of the entrants and the results of the scientists will raise widespread awareness among the general public on the importance of demographic change in the Alpine space.

The submitted photographs, series of photographs and photo-reportages should show alpine regions and the changes in housing, the appearance of villages and changes in infrastructure imposed by the emigration of young people and the aging of society. They can also show these effects on the behaviour of people in alpine regions: throwing the towel on the situation as well as fighting for new ways to live a successful life in the countryside. There is a rich diversity of topics the photographers can choose from. On the DEMOCHANGE homepage you can find more information on the photo contest in the menu "results".

The submitted photographs, which are selected by the Jury, will be exhibited in a museum show at a famous museum/gallery. (This gallery will be announced on the DEMOCHANGE homepage in the near future.) In succession this will be a travelling exhibition on several other places connected with the DEMOCHANGE project. The pictures will also be used to illustrate the scientific papers and digital reports. For the entrants this will be an excellent chance to promote their work to a big international audience. The exhibition will be carefully curated and promoted and is a unique chance especially for young photographers.

Who may enter: Individuals 16 years old or older. There are no other restrictions.

What to enter: Preferably series of pictures up to 10 photographs. This can be reportage on a special occasion or person, but it can also be groups of photographs from various occasions linked together by a common theme. The photographs have to be accompanied by the contact data of the photographer and a short description of the pictures (giving at least place, date, pictured topic).

How to enter:

Online: Please submit pictures (together with the downloadable entry form) online at <http://www.demochange.org/en/results/photocontest.html> and via email to photocontest@demochange.org. The submitted pictures for the jury may not be larger than 2 MB each and have to be in Jpeg and RGB format. The selected finalists for the exhibition will then be asked to submit their photographs in the highest possible resolution.

By Mail: please send either a CD or printed photographs (not bigger than 20x30 CM and at a minimum size of 13x18 CM) to the jury address:

Freie Universität Bozen, Sitz Bruneck
Universitätsplatz, 1
I - 39031 Bruneck/Brunico (BZ)

(The pictures or CDs can only be returned, if sufficient return postage is included.)

Jury and Prizes:

The Jury consists of two art curators and a representative of the DEMOCHANGE scientific project. The Jury will select 6 – 10 finalists, who will be invited to take part with all or just a fraction of the submitted photographs in an international exhibition. The Jury will curate the exhibition. (There are no cash or noncash prizes.)

Production of the exhibition:

The exhibition of the selected finalists will be produced at no costs for the entrants in professional museum quality. The exhibition sizes will be up to 50x70 CM (dependent on the wish of the entrants and the possible resolution), they will be matted in museum board and framed. Every effort will be made, to meet the request of the entrants for the presentation of their work. The name of the photographers will be noted with every picture caption as well as with all promotional- and press material for the exhibition. The exhibition will be first shown by autumn 2012.

Entry deadline: Entry deadline is May 11th 2012.

Entry Fee: There is no entry fee. Also the production of the exhibition is free for the entrants.

Questions: Please direct questions to the organiser and curator Dr. Kurt Kaindl, Email: office@b-k.co.at