

## **THE ADRIATIC PHOTOCONTEST OF THE MUSEUMCULTOUR PROJECT HAS ENDED**

*More than 1,800 photos submitted and prizes for the top three finishers of the 5 categories of competition*

Great success and participation in the initiative promoted by Gal Delta 2000 under the IPA Adriatic cross-border cooperation program, co-funded by the European Commission..

The Adriatic Photocontest issued a challenge among the photographers of the Adriatic, requiring the lens to capture the scenic beauty of the area using a new look. The challenge has been taken by amateur and professional photographers who have submitted to the site of the contest with a total of 1870 photos, divided into 5 categories of competition: Flora, Fauna, Culture, Landscapes, Underwater.

The pictures came mainly from Italy, but the contest also saw the participation of photos from Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Hungary and Bangladesh, for a total of 302 participants.

Of the 168 selected photos, 15 of them have been awarded, with three top finishers in each category, while 10 have been noted as interesting pictures. They were also awarded the Audience Award and the "My Story" Award.

Winners comes from Project areas, such as Italy, Croatia and Slovenia.

Namely, the awarded Photographers for the Flora category are:

- First Place: ANDREA PARISI
- Second Place: MELCHIORRE PIZZITOLA
- Third Place: REBEKA LEGOVIC (Croazia)

The awarded Photographers for the Fauna category are:

- First Place: MASSIMO BOTTONI
- Second Place: VIRGINIO FUSER
- Third Place: ANTONELLO VENTURELLI

The awarded Photographers for the Cultura category are:

- First Place: GIACOMO LIVOTTO
- Second Place: GORDANA KVAJO (Croazia)
- Third Place: ADRIATIK BARDAKU

The awarded Photographers for the Paesaggio category are:

- Primo classificato: VANNI RIZZIOLI
- Secondo classificato: MATTEO MANTOVANI
- Terzo classificato: VINCENZO IACOVONI

The awarded Photographers for the Underwater category are:

- Primo classificato: MARCO SIENI
- Secondo classificato: ARSEN MILETIC (Croazia)
- Terzo classificato: NICOLA BOMBARDINI

The awarded Photographer for the special category "Audience" is:

- MARJETA MARINCIC (Slovenia)

The awarded Photographer for the special category "My Story" is:

- VALENTINA BERGAMINI

The awards, offered by companies and accommodation structures of Ravenna, Ferrara, Ascoli Piceno, Slovenia and Montenegro, included supporting material for the creation of professional photos for the winners, and stays in hotels, holiday cottages and B & B that have joined the initiative. They were also offered two photographic workshops to the winners of the Audience Award and the "My Story" Award.

The award ceremony took place on 4 May at 4.00 PM at Palazzo Bellini in Comacchio (FE) as a special event of BIRDFAIR Birdwatching Fair 2014 which was held in Comacchio 1 to May 4, 2014.

The awarded photo will be used, together with other contributions, to set up an innovative adriatic multimedia exposition. The Exhibition will be hosted in the Museums involved in the project, together with the Museums from DELTA network that join the MUSEUMCULTOUR project, namely the Museum of the Wood and Deer in Mesola, the Territory Museum of Ostellato, the Manufacture of marinated in Comacchio, the Ecomuseum of Argenta and the Museum NatuRa of S.Alberto.