



FESTAS 2026 NEXUS

Festival di Arte & Scienza
Napoli, 22-26 giugno

FESTAS 2026 – International Photo Contest Climate Extremes

Within the framework of FESTAS 2026 – NEXUS

Objective

The **FESTAS 2026 – Climate Extremes International Photo Contest** is part of the first edition of **FESTAS**, an art and science festival entitled **NEXUS**, taking place from **22 to 26 June 2026** in the historic centre of **Naples** (Italy).

FESTAS 2026 - NEXUS explores **connections, relationships, and intersections**: between art and science, between sensory and cognitive experience, between emotion and knowledge, between people, disciplines, and environments, across time and space. Guided by five key words, **Nature, Environment, Xxi century, hUmunity, Society**, the festival proposes an open exploration of complexity, without predefined itineraries or simplified narratives.

Within this conceptual framework, the *Climate Extremes* photo contest invites photographers to reflect visually on the **interdependencies between human activities, environmental systems, and climate-related risks**, addressing extreme climate phenomena as both scientific realities and lived human experiences.

Theme

CLIMATE EXTREMES

Submitted works should explore extreme manifestations of climate change, including weather-induced events, environmental transformations, social vulnerability and resilience, human–nature relations, and the cultural, emotional, and political dimensions of climate emergencies.

Photographs may adopt documentary, conceptual, or artistic approaches, provided they remain grounded in real contexts and experiences.

Submission Criteria

Photographs must clearly relate to the theme of the contest *Climate Extremes* and to the broader conceptual framework of **FESTAS 2026 – NEXUS**.

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Only **high-resolution images in JPEG or PNG format** will be accepted (minimum 300 dpi).
Acceptable dimensions:

- Square Format: min 20 × 20 cm, max 60 × 60 cm
- 4:3 Format: min 40 × 30 cm, max 80 × 60 cm
- 3:2 Format: min 30 × 20 cm, max 75 × 50 cm
- Panoramic Format: min 30 × 10 cm (or 30 × 15 cm), max 75 × 25 cm (or 80 × 40 cm)

Each entry must include a **short description (maximum 150 words)**, outlining:

- the subject and context of the photograph,
- its location,
- its relevance to climate extremes,
- its intended meaning or impact

Prizes

The prizes will be awarded **in kind**, in the form of vouchers for internet purchase on selected portals of photographic equipment, as follows:

- **First Prize:** vouchers worth €500
- **Second Prize:** vouchers worth €300
- **Third Prize:** vouchers worth €200

Submission Procedures and Deadline

Participation in the photo contest is FREE OF CHARGE. Participants cannot send more than one submission. All entries must be received by 20 May 2026, 11:59 PM (UTC).

Submissions must be sent by email to FESTAS2026photocontest@gmail.com, with the following subject line: *Submission from First-name-of-author Last-name-of-author, Country-of-Residence.*

- The photo (JPEG or PNG format) can be sent as an attachment to the email or as a link from which the photo can be downloaded.
- The photo description (maximum 150 words) must be included in the body of the email.
- The body of the email may also include (not mandatory): professional affiliation and position, personal web page and other contact details.

The receipt of each submission will be acknowledged by the organizers via email (in reply to the submission email). By entering the contest, you agree that the organizers will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the competition. All data will be handled in accordance with GDPR requirements. We will not sell your data to third parties

Eligibility and usage rights

The competition is **open to all**, under the following conditions:

- Participants must be the **authors of the submitted works** and must have been directly involved in or present within the context depicted.
- Participants agree that **winners will prepare a short text (approximately 500 words)** reflecting on the story behind the photograph and its broader context.
- **Images generated entirely or partially using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools are not eligible for submission.**



Usage Rights and Promotion

- **Ownership:** Participants retain full copyright ownership of their submitted photographs.
- **License Grant:** By entering the contest, the winners grant the organizers (The HuT project and the University of Salerno) a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, and display the winning images.
- **Scope of Use:** This license is limited to the promotion and documentation of the contest, including but not limited to digital formats (e.g., social media, website galleries, email newsletters), exhibitions (e.g., physical or digital displays of the winning works) and publications (e.g., printed catalogs, reports, books related to the competition).
- **Credit Attribution:** The author of the photograph will always be credited in all formats where the image is displayed (e.g., "© [Photographer's Name]").
- **No Commercial Resale:** This license does not grant The HuT project and the University of Salerno the right to sell the photographs to third parties for commercial gain without a separate, written agreement from the photographer.

Rules on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In line with the values of authenticity and responsibility promoted by FESTAS 2026 - NEXUS:

- AI-generated imagery is strictly prohibited.
- **Conventional photographic post-production is allowed** (colour correction, exposure, contrast, cropping), provided it does not fundamentally alter the reality or meaning of the image.
- The organisers reserve the right to request original files (e.g. RAW files) to verify authenticity.
- Non-compliant submissions will be **disqualified**.

Jury and Judging Criteria

The jury will consist of:

- one professional photographer,
- one artistic curator,
- one member of the The HuT project.

Submissions will be evaluated on:

- relevance to the Climate Extremes theme and the FESTAS 2026 – NEXUS framework,
- visual and technical quality,
- originality and conceptual strength,
- clarity and depth of the accompanying text.

The jury's decision is final.

Announcement of Winners and Exhibitions

The web page dedicated the photo contest of the [FESTAS 2026 – NEXUS website](#) will be used to:

- Announce the winners of the competition by early June 2026 (winning participants will also receive notifications by email)
- Collect and show the winning photos and a selection of photos from other participants (honourable mentions by the jury)

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The winning photos and the honourable mentions will be showed during FESTAS 2026 - NEXUS (modalities to be decided).

A digital booklet featuring selected entries will be produced (dissemination modalities to be decided)

Contact

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