



“STEM Ahead” Competition -Terms and Conditions-

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I. Competition Duration: The Competition will start on the **4th of September 2017** and end on the **17th of November 2017** at 23:59 Central European Time (CET).

II. Eligibility: Open to all primary and secondary school teachers and career counsellors for primary/secondary school students working in countries of the European Union¹ or associated to the European Union² with a legal residence in one of these. **Participation in the Competition is subject to these Rules and “STEM Alliance” decisions**, which are final and binding in all respects and not subject to appeal.

III. To Enter: During the submission period of the competition indicated in section I, participants can submit their entries which:

- show why STEM education and careers matter
- demonstrate how, in collaboration with companies, STEM career trials are promoted and explained to students at school motivating the latter to choose a STEM career in future
- explain how teachers' collaboration (placement in companies, STEM professionals visiting schools, school visit in enterprises, etc..) improve methods of teaching STEM subjects

There are three categories:

- 1. Event Category**
- 2. Video Category**
- 3. Resource Category**

¹ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

² Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine.

(1) To participate in the Event Category:

Step 1: **Announce your event** by filling in the *Event competition form* [here](#). Select the correct category for your event. Both face-to-face and online events are accepted in this category.

Once you have submitted your upcoming event, STEM Alliance will

- confirm by email that your submission was received and provide you with information on the next steps to complete your participation in the competition;
- publish it on the STEM Alliance competition map which will be available on the [webpage of the competition](#).

Step 2: **Organise event(s)** during the competition period, taking place from the 4th of September 2017 to the 17th of November 2017. The main idea is to demonstrate that teachers are shapers of future bright minds with **STEM professionals' visits to schools** ("[Professionals Go Back To School](#)" scheme) and **teachers' placement in companies** ("[Teacher placement initiatives – Collection of best practices](#)").

Organise one **or** several of the following activities:

- Organise a visit from a STEM professional from an industry or local company to your class/school to demonstrate an example of STEM career activities in action (extra points will be given to teachers using the PGB2S tool);
- Invite a professional from an industry or local company to participate in an online session and talk about STEM sector and careers (extra points will be given to teachers using the PGB2S tool);
- Organisation a school visit to an industry or local company to demonstrate an example of STEM career activities in action;
- Spend some time as teacher in a company to update your STEM skills and learn about the industry world and career existing in STEM;
- Organise a marathon or a fair on STEM jobs in your school;
- Organise a poster presentation on STEM topics in your school or in premises of a local company;
- Organise a visit to a science centre;
- Or any other type of event to celebrate STEM Education and STEM Skills!

The aim of these activities should be the contextualisation of STEM teaching, career guidance, and the attractiveness of STEM jobs, raising the interest of students for STEM subjects and careers by demonstrating real-life role models of STEM professionals and bringing students to the companies' world.

We recommend you to:

- use [PGB2S tool](#) in order to bond with STEM professionals;
- carry out the activities along with other STEM teachers in your school over the duration of the competition;
- add the [STEM Alliance logo](#) to your event material and to your website (if any).

The complete guidelines how to register in the PGB2S scheme and use the PGB2S tool can be found [here](#) and on the official webpage of [the PGB2S tool](#).

Step 3: **After your event took place, submit a report** through the link you will have received by email from STEM Alliance as a result of step 1. You will be asked to share a report with:

- detailed plan explaining how you prepared the event,
- how it was integrated in your classroom activity,
- in which way stakeholders were involved
- how many schools, teachers, pupils, companies, company's representative and other possible stakeholders were involved,
- programme and material from the event (poster, leaflet, lesson plan, etc.)

In case an event is planned to take place on the same day as the deadline for the competition, which is the 17th of November 2017, a submitter of this event will have time until the 19th of November, 23:59 CET to submit a report for this specific event and thus finalise the submission. This particular rule does not apply to any events that will happen before the 17th of November 2017.

(2) To participate in the Video Category:

Step 1. **Create a short video** with a length of maximum 3 minutes or a presentation showing ways of stimulating and attracting students into STEM careers using school and industry collaboration activities, and demonstrating how you connect your STEM lessons to real-life situations. For this purpose, STEM Alliance recommends you to use the [PGB2S tool](#) in order to connect with an industrial partner, carry out an activity featuring this kind of collaboration and produce a video. While animations and presentations are also accepted as an entry, we will use the word “video” to refer to this category. You, as a teacher, will be in charge of publication. **The language of use should be English.**

Step 2. **Submit an entry** to *the Video competition form* [here](#), sharing the URL to your video (YouTube, Vimeo, Twitter, Adobe Spark). The URL you share with us should be valid and redirect immediately to your video.

Once you have submitted your video, STEM Alliance will confirm by email that your submission was received. All videos qualified for the Video Category will be disseminated through [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts of the competition shortly after the competition is over.

(3) To participate in the Resource Category:

Step 1. **Choose a resource(s)** produced by a company, **create a learning activity** (a lesson plan, a worksheet, a project, etc.) adapting chosen resource to the needs of your class **and use it in your classroom**. You can select one of the resources available in the [STEM Alliance repository](#) or find a resource of your choice supported by a company active in STEM Education and STEM career promotion. A clear indication of the company that produced a resource should be provided.

Step 2. **Submit an entry** to *the Resource competition form* [here](#), sharing the URL to resource(s) you have used and a link to a learning activity you created. In this form, a submitter should describe a learning activity and specify as detailed as possible, how this activity was integrated in classroom, how many students were involved and what

are the objectives and outcomes of this activity. Extra points will be given to teachers using the resources from the STEM Alliance [Practice Gallery](#).

Once you have submitted your learning activity, STEM Alliance will confirm by email that your submission was received.

All data in any of three categories of the competition must be submitted by the 17th of November 2017, 23:59 CET in order to be eligible for the competition³. **Please make sure that all links with relevant material are available for view and download until the end of the evaluation phase** (see more details in Annex 1. Copyrights and legal issues). Email address you provide in the submission and reporting form has to be valid.

IV. Entry Restrictions: There is a limit of ten events for the Event Category, five videos for the Video Category and five learning activities in the Resource Category submitted per single participant. The same person can participate in all categories.

DO NOT submit the same event (for the Event Category) neither video (for the Video Category) more than once. DO NOT use the same resource(s) to create several learning activities for the Resource Category.

A given e-mail account may only be used by one person to participate in the competition.

Any dispute as to identity any of the prize winners will be resolved by STEM Alliance in its sole discretion.

IV. Content Restrictions. Submitted content must comply with the following criteria:

- (a) Content must be original and neither copied, as a whole or partly, nor rephrased from any other source;
- (b) Content must be truthful;
- (c) Content must not violate the rights of any third party;

³ **Exception:** In case an event submitted in the Event category is planned to take place on the same day as the deadline for the competition, which is the 17th of November 2017, a submitter of this event will have time until the 19th of November, 23:59 CET to submit a report for this specific event. This exception is limited to Event category and does not apply on any other category.

(d) Content must not be inappropriate or unfit for publication (e.g., include nudity, obscenity or hate speech);

(e) If your submission shows faces, please be aware that you must be in possession of the **signed authorisation of all persons appearing in the videos and/or pictures**. For underage students you must, in addition get their legal guardian agreements before using their images. The authorisation form template is downloadable from the competition page: <http://www.stemalliance.eu/stem-ahead-competition> and in Annex 2 in this document. (This restriction only affects the Events and Video categories).

Please be aware that EUN will request signed authorizations for all persons appearing on your video/image submitted to the competition if the submission is selected to be published on the portal (short-listed and winners).

VI. Licence of the content: Entrant accepts that the submitted content follows a Creative Commons License of Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International (CC BY-SA 4.0). Details of this license can be found here: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>

Please be aware that in order to use any copyrighted material – images, music, video – you need to be in possession of the permission of the author in written form. EUN reserves the right to request clarification on the copyrights of the materials submitted to the competition. Please read carefully full details in the **Annex 1. Copyrights and legal issues**.

VII. Selection of Winners:

For all three categories of the competition, at the end of the submission period STEM Alliance evaluators will select submissions as winners based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance to STEM topic and accuracy of the knowledge presented.
2. Pedagogical Value: Clear goals and objectives, motivation, presentation of resources, specific learning tasks, adaptability to individual needs will be taken into account during the evaluation process. Impact of the actions undertaken by teachers and students. Judges will be looking for evidence of successful knowledge transfer.
3. Relevance of the actions designed and implemented within the project. Contributions should demonstrate a clear link to the competition's requirements.

Moreover, the jury will also consider if the actions undertaken are compatible with students' age group.

4. Originality of entries, pertinence, novelty, creativity and didactical approach, will all be taken into account during the evaluation process. All works should be creative, interesting, attractive and in any other way original.

5. Clarity of ideas and conclusions, explaining in a clear way, demonstrating a good understanding of the theme and conveying convincing implementation methods, solutions and messages.

6. Effective communication of the project and its results.

7. Presentation of entries, style, layout, design and good use of technology will be considered.

8. Involvement of stakeholders: This evaluation criterion will be focused on the involvement of relevant stakeholders (e.g. companies, science and research centres, educational authorities, municipalities, and/or parents) which bring a benefit to the STEM activities featured in the competition entry. Submissions will be judged based on the effective participation of public and/or private organisations and their integration in the process as well as the use of [PGB2S tool](#) and participation in the [teachers' placement scheme](#).

Bonus points will be assigned to:

- events which were organised with the help of [PGB2S tool](#) and submitted in the Event category;
- entries containing one or more resources from the STEM Alliance [Practice Gallery](#) and submitted in the Resources category.

The STEM Alliance jury, composed of companies and education stakeholders, will select **9 Events, 1 Video and 2 Resource Category winners.**

In addition to this, there will be two special awards.

- The jury will select an entry for **PGB2S event award**:

The award for this category will be for the participant who has demonstrated the best use of STEM Alliance [PGB2S tool](#). The STEM Alliance will select a winner taking into account the effectiveness of the tool use as well as search for evidence of successful students' motivation.

- There will be a **public vote video award**:

STEM Alliance will post all videos qualified for the Video Category in the [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) dedicated to the competition shortly after the 17th of November 2017. An award will be given to a video with the largest public support on these social media accounts. Votes on other accounts will not be taken into account. The video will be selected using the **aggregated amount of retweets on Twitter and reactions on Facebook** to measure its popularity. If any of the most voted submissions are not eligible, the next one with the highest total number of retweets and likes will be selected.

{The promotion of entries and public vote video award is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Facebook or Twitter}

The STEM Alliance jury can decide to leave a prize empty in any category or sub-category.

VIII. Notification of Winners: Potential winners will be contacted by STEM Alliance via the contact information provided in the submission forms.

In all cases, in order to remain eligible to be awarded with a prize, a winner must respond to the winner notification contact (i.e., via email or comment, as the case may be) and commence the prize claim procedure within 72 hours of transmission/posting of contact. In the event of noncompliance with these requirements, if a potential winner cannot be reached for any reason (including failure to receive or respond to contact for any reason) or if a potential winner is determined to be ineligible or otherwise in violation of these Terms and

Conditions, he/she shall be disqualified and forfeit the prize. In case of prize forfeiture, alternate winner(s) will be selected.

Prize: Winners will be invited to a STEM Alliance event with special opportunities to attend workshops on innovative STEM education and STEM career guidance. STEM Alliance will organise and cover the winners' flight to/from the event (up to 500 EUR) and accommodation (maximum one night). The following conditions will be applied:

- Prizes will be limited to only one person per winning submission, the one that submitted the content in his/her account. No prize substitution is allowed.
- Flights will be only covered for countries of the European Union and H2020 associated countries.
- European Schoolnet / STEM Alliance will not reimburse any airline tickets purchased individually. Any other costs like a transfer to/from airport, local transport and/or travel insurance is at the participants' expense.

Releases: By accepting a prize, the winner allows STEM Alliance to use his/her name to disseminate the results of the competition. In case of any problems during the running of the competition, STEM Alliance keeps the right to modify any of the previous conditions.

Certificates: All participants who will finalize their submissions and do it on time before the deadline will get a **certificate of participation** where a name of a registered participant, a school and country will be specified. The single certificate of participation per person will be issued, regardless if he/she participated in one or more categories, with one or more entries, and if the name repeats several times. The certificates will be sent to email addresses specified in the competition submission forms.

The winners will get a different certificate where a name, school, city, country and category will be specified.

Annex 1. Copyrights and legal issues

All participants must comply with European and national laws including but not limited to copyright laws, legislation prohibiting the publication of any defamatory, discriminatory or other illegal content or any other similar laws.

The “STEM Ahead” Competition (“the Competition”) is organized by EUN Partnership aisbl (“Organizer”). By registering and uploading content, contestants declare that the content submitted is their original work and creation. The Organizer does not assume any responsibility for disputes between persons claiming copyrights of content. By registering and uploading content, each contestant declares that the content does not infringe any third party rights and that they have obtained all necessary rights and licenses from third parties for the use of any materials. Contestants may not use any music that is not in the public domain or for which they have not acquired the necessary rights and licenses. The contestants will be fully responsible to the Organizer for any breach of the conditions contained in this disclaimer and, in particular, will hold the Organizer harmless from any actions brought by third parties.

The Organizer reserves the right to exclude proposals submitted for the Competition if it comes to their knowledge that there are copyright infringements or the content contains defamatory, discriminatory or other illegal material or does not comply with national legislation.

By registering and uploading content, the contestants agree that the Organizer shall have the right to make the content freely available for educational purposes on the web, CD-ROM or in any other media format for a period of three years starting from the date of the close of entries for the Competition.

By registering and uploading content the contestants declare that all identifiable individuals in their entry consented to the use of their image/performance, the submission of the content in this competition, and the use of the content by the Organizer for educational and promotional purposes in all media formats, including the web, for a period of three years from the date of the close of entries for the Competition. Contestants declare that the individuals who have provided content for their submission will sign all necessary documents granting the Organizer, if required by it, the rights free of charge to use the content as indicated above.

For promotional purposes, the winners at national level will have to make available a presentation for the Organizer of their entry in a publicly available format, e.g. a trailer, teaser, screenshot etc. By submitting their content, contestants declare their agreement that the Organizer may freely use this presentation in all media formats in its promotional activities of the award. The Organizer shall have complete discretion as to how they want to claim and exercise these rights.

Privacy Policy

The following statement explains our policy regarding the personal information we collect about you for the purposes of the “STEM Ahead” Competition (“Competition”).

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Overview

The Competition Platform is dedicated to respecting the privacy of its users. Our intention is to provide a secure and safe environment for all users. The following statement outlines the policies by which the Platform collects, manages, and uses the data provided to us by users, and how users of the portal may exercise their rights. Use of the Platform indicates you have read these policies and agree to abide by them.

The Platform is controlled by EUN Partnership aisbl, the legal name for European Schoolnet, which acts as the Data Controller for any personal data collected via the Platform. Contact information for EUN Partnership aisbl can be found below.

Information collection

To serve its users in the best way possible, the Platform requires users to submit the following information as a part of the application for the Competition:

Applicant’s data (Adults): name, surname, email address, country and school or organization (if applicable).

In addition, information such as user IP address, internet service provider (ISP), web browser, operating system, approximate times of use, referring site, email address and any similar data exchanged between a user’s computer and the servers of the Platform will be collected. These will not be linked to specific user accounts except as indicated below.

Finally, aggregate statistics will be collected regularly, including but not limited to the number of users and page statistics during a specific period.

Use of collected information

Personal information provided by the user or collected during usage of the Platform will only be used to:

- Implement the Competition including judging the entries, publishing the names of the winners in the media and awarding the prizes.
- Enable and improve the user experience within this project.
- Send print materials and other items by post on request by members using address details provided by them.

Access to this information is strictly limited to EUN Partnership aisbl, as well as individual experts and judges working for the Organiser. The transfer of specific data to other third parties can be permitted under the specific authorisation of EUN Partnership aisbl acting as the Data Controller; such authorisation will only be granted by the Data Controller to third parties with a legitimate interest in the Competition, including the European Commission. Personal data will only be transferred in accordance with applicable regulations. EUN Partnership aisbl will not divulge your personal data for direct marketing purposes to third parties.

EUN Partnership aisbl will have access to provided account information and can modify and/or delete information as needed to maintain the integrity of the user database or to ensure the proper operation of the Platform.

Length of data storage

Personal data provided by the users of the site or collected during their usage of the site will not be stored by EUN Partnership aisbl in a form allowing the identification of the users for longer than three years after the date of the close of entries for Competition. In addition, registered users may contact the EUN Partnership aisbl as indicated below to terminate their accounts, which will result in the deletion of the personal data that they have provided during registration.

Site security

The Platform has implemented and continues to maintain appropriate technical and management measures to keep your personal information secure and safe from loss, damage, corruption, or deletion.

Changes within this privacy policy

Any and all changes to this privacy policy will be posted here, and will take effect upon their publication. If you have any questions or concerns about this privacy policy, at any time, please contact: privacy@eun.org

Contacting EUN Partnership aisbl

EUN Partnership aisbl is based in Brussels (Belgium). For any questions related to the Platform, including your rights to access, correct and delete your personal information under applicable data protection law, you can contact us:

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ANNEX 2. PHOTO/VIDEO PERMISSION FORM

Project description – Context

The STEM Alliance (<http://www.stemalliance.eu/>) is an international initiative that aims to increase the links between STEM education and careers by involving schools throughout Europe. With the support of ten major industries and private partners, the STEM Alliance joins forces to improve and promote existing industry-education STEM initiatives and contribute to innovation in STEM teaching and learning. The STEM Alliance is jointly coordinated by European Schoolnet and CSR Europe.

European Schoolnet (www.europeanschoolnet.org) is a network of 31 Ministries of Education in Europe. European Schoolnet was created more than 10 years ago to bring innovation in teaching and learning for its key stakeholders: Ministries of Education, schools, teachers and researchers.

Consent for use of photographs and videos where you appear

In the framework of the STEM Alliance project activities, photographs and/or video film will be taken for the purposes of the “STEM Ahead” competition in 2017. These images may be reproduced and used for publicity and training materials produced by European Schoolnet, STEM Alliance including printed publications, videos and website. Any photos or videos will only be used for promoting the STEM Alliance project and the participation of European Schoolnet (EUN) in it.

By signing this document, you give us your permission to use photographs and video film where you appear.

- If you are 14 years of age or older: Your signature is needed. You must also inform your parents (or a legal guardian).
- If you are under 14 years of age: Your and your parent’s signatures are needed.

Please read carefully the following information (pages 16-17 of the guidelines). If you agree, please provide the signature(s), add a date and return the form to your teacher.

If you do not understand any of the issues that are dealt with in this form or if you are not sure whether you should agree or not, please ask your parent(s), legal guardian or your teacher for their advice.

Pupil to fill in

My name (pupil): _____

- I give permission to European Schoolnet, the participants of the STEM Alliance “STEM Ahead” competition, and press or other media working for the STEM Alliance project to take photographs and video footage of me. These photographs and videos may be reproduced and used for promoting or publicising the STEM Alliance project and may include printed publications (e.g. brochures and newsletters), videos and websites of EUN and other organisations. [1]
- I give my permission be interviewed by EUN, the press or other media in connection with the project. [2]
- I am aware that for Internet safety and data protections reasons, my full name will not be included on any online material. For under 18 years-olds pupils, only the first name, age and country can be mentioned.
- I agree that I will not receive any money or other reward for my participation in these photos or videos.

My signature: _____

Date: _____

[1] The video can be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo enabling EUN and other project partners to embed the video into the project website. On such website (YouTube, Vimeo) the video will always be “unlisted”, meaning that it will not appear in the search results or public lists.

[2] There will always be a representative of the EUN team (or other project partner) present at the interview, to clarify any doubts the participant may have about making the interview or using the material. It is a standard practice to agree with the media before the interview that any quotes from the participants will be approved by EUN before printing or distribution.

Parent to fill in (in case that the pupil is under 14 years old)

My name (parent): _____

Giving permission for (pupil's name): _____

- I give permission to European Schoolnet, the participants of the STEM Alliance “STEM Ahead” competition, and press or other media working for the STEM Alliance project to take photographs and video footage of my child. These photographs and videos may be reproduced and used for promoting or publicising the STEM Alliance project and may include printed publications (e.g. brochures and newsletters), videos and websites of EUN and other organisations. [1]
- I give my permission for my child to be interviewed by EUN, the press or other media in connection with the project. [2]
- I am aware that for Internet safety and data protections reasons, no pupil full names will be included on any online material. For under 18 years-olds pupils, only the first name, age and country can be mentioned.
- I agree that my child or myself will not receive any money or other reward for the participation of my child in these photos or videos.

Parent's signature _____

Date _____

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