

Alpine Convention Photo Contest 2023

From pasture to plate

The best way to a person's heart is through their stomach – and the best way to showcase the role of food in the Alps is to dedicate a photo contest to it! For this reason, the Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention and the Permanent Secretariat are dedicating the **2023 Photo Contest to Alpine food, its production, and heritage**.

The Alpine region is a place of unique landscapes, fascinating nature, and diverse cultural traditions. It is home to almost 15 million people who are spread across its valleys and slopes. Different languages and numerous dialects characterise this special place, which is at the same time shaped by shared histories and processes.

Nonetheless, there is one thing that can always bring the people of the Alps together: food, Essen, nourriture, cibo, hrana! Across the Alps, from the highest plateaus to the lowest valleys, food is an integral part of Alpine traditions and cultural heritage.

Experiencing the delights of tasty, high-quality, locally produced Alpine cuisine is one of the many reasons visitors come to the region each year. From the Mediterranean foothills to the northern ridges, the Alps are known for their diverse dairy, meat and other products from cows, sheep or goats. Moreover, our mountains also offer a huge variety of fruits and grains, herbs, and sauces – not to mention sweet dishes made using such ingredients!

However, it is not only about the meal that lands on our plates or the stalls of our markets. Behind these products lie many months, often years, of hard work from farmers and shepherds across the Alps. Sustainable mountain agriculture means working with the scarce and steep land, the challenging weather conditions, carefully choosing the appropriate crops and breeds, and, increasingly, adapting to climate change. Recognising and appreciating the origins of our meals is just as important as enjoying them.

Agriculture is the foundation of Alpine food and cultural heritage and has been shaping the landscapes of the Alps for centuries, which is why this photo contest is also dedicated to the origins of our food and drink, in addition to the final products. A good meal is typically rooted in tradition, made up of locally or regionally sourced ingredients, and supports Alpine farmers.

We invite you to share your appreciation for Alpine food heritage and help make the 2024 calendar a feast for the eyes by sending us your contributions by **18 September 2023**.

Awards and prizes

The **thirteen best photos** will be included in the 2024 edition of the Alpine Convention's calendar and the photographers of the winning photos will receive Alpine Convention gifts.

Of the thirteen selected photos, the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention will **choose the three best unique photographs** and award them the **three following prizes**:

- 1st prize: € 500
 - 2nd prize: € 350
 - 3rd prize: € 200
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Terms and Conditions for the Alpine Convention Photo Contest

1. The Alpine Convention Photo Contest 2023 is open to everyone.
2. A maximum of **five photos per participant** will be accepted.
3. The photos do not necessarily have to be taken during the course of the competition.
4. The photos should be taken within the geographical perimeter of the Alpine Convention: https://www.atlas.alpconv.org/layers/geonode_data:geonode:Alpine_Convention_Perimeter_2018_v2
5. To ensure good quality, only pictures in landscape format with a **minimum size of 8 megapixels** will be accepted.
6. Only applications submitted through [this online form](#) will be eligible for participation.
7. The deadline for uploading and submitting the online form and photos is **3 September 2023 at 23:59 (CET)**.
8. Members of the Permanent Secretariat, the Slovenian Delegation to the Alpine Convention, and the jury, as well as their relatives, are excluded from participation.
9. The best photos will be selected by a jury chosen by the Permanent Secretariat and the Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention according to the voting procedure developed by the Secretariat. The decisions of the jury are final and not subject to any form of appeal.
10. The thirteen best photos will be published in the 2024 Alpine Convention calendar. The authors will be credited. By submitting their photos, the participant claims the authorship of the pictures and agrees to indemnify the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention from any and all third-party claims arising from the use of any of the photos (such as copyright claims for showing works of art or for depicting people). If the photos show people, the participant ensures that they received express authorisation for the publication of the photo by the person(s) shown.
11. By submitting their photos, the participant grants the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention the non-exclusive right – without limitation as to territory, time, and scope and including cropping or other modifications – to use the photos for communication and public relations purposes (publications, public events, newsletter, social media, etc.); the name of the photographer will always be indicated.
12. **Personal data:** Participation in the 2023 Photo Contest requires the contestants to submit a minimum of personal data. These data will be used solely in the scope of the 2023 Photo Contest and will not be shared with third parties. In case the photo is used, the name of the author will be published to give the appropriate credit.