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## **'Migrants in Europe': Commission launches Europe-wide multimedia competition**

What is the role and place of migrants in Europe? The Commission is inviting students at schools of art, graphics and communication from all the 27 European Union Member States and Croatia to reflect on the contribution migrants make to societies in Europe.

The EU-wide competition challenges students to produce artwork that expresses their views on the issue, capturing the role migrants play in our lives. With the goal of stimulating a constructive debate, while reflecting on the situation of migrants in Europe, the Commission gives Europe's up-and-coming talent the chance to bring their perspective to the fore.

The competition is open to all students over 18 years of age and registered at an institution of higher education for art/graphic/communication in any EU country plus Croatia. The schools should submit their work before 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013 in the following categories: **Poster, Photography and Video.**

Each school can present one or several pieces of work in one or several categories. They will be judged at national level and those shortlisted (up to 10 per country) will be put forward to a European jury that will select the 30 finalists and decide on a European winner for each category. The jury will be made up of communication, art and media professionals as well as individuals from migrant communities.

The 30 European finalists will be invited to attend the prize-giving ceremony in Brussels with the expected participation of Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Home Affairs. A special prize will also be awarded based on the results of a public vote, which will take place via the website below.

The schools whose students win first prizes in the three categories and the first prize in the public vote will receive an award of €10,000 each, to be used for educational purposes.

Full terms and conditions of the competition can be found on the following website:

[www.migrantsineurope.eu/](http://www.migrantsineurope.eu/)

## Background

In 2011, a year in which the world's population surpassed seven billion, there were 20.2 million third country nationals living in the EU<sup>1</sup>. That is around 4% of the total EU population (502.5 million) and 9.4% of the estimated 214 million migrants worldwide. By comparison, Canada has around 3.4% of the world's total (7.2 million representing 21.3% of its national population), whilst the USA has around 20% of the world's total (42.8 million representing 13.5% of its national population).

## Useful Links

- Cecilia Malmström's [website](#)
- Follow Commissioner Malmström on [Twitter](#)
- DG Home Affairs [website](#)
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- 'Migrants in Europe' competition [website](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Figures about the EU's migratory situation are available in the Commission's [Third Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum](#)