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## YRE International Jury and Competition Winners 2017

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The Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) International Jury meeting for the 2017 Competition successfully took place on 24 May at the Foundation for Environmental Education Head Office in Copenhagen, Denmark.

**YRE International Jury 2017**

The Jury this year was composed of stakeholders in the fields of environmental journalism and Education for Sustainable Development. The members are Christopher Slaney, Freelance Journalist, Mari Nishimura, Associate Programme Officer, UNEP, Julie Saito, Programme Specialist of Communication, UNESCO, Clemens Bomsdorf, Journalist and Correspondent for the Nordic countries, Anne Vela-Wagner, Executive Director of the Wrigley Company Foundation, Pedro Marcelino, Documentary Film Producer and Director, Mayra Navarrete, Photographer, Boris Šušmak, FEE Board Member, and Antti Kaartinen, Communications Expert currently working as a Press Officer at the European Environment Agency (EEA) in Copenhagen. You can find more information on their

profiles

[here.](#)

The Jury went through and discussed the top national entries in the media categories of articles, photographs and videos, across the age categories 11–14, 15–18, 19–21, as well as the International Collaboration category. The Jury reviewed also entries from the Litter Less Campaign. The Jury then decided on this year's YRE International Competition winners, who will be published on [Huffington Post kids](#) as a prize. All entries can be found on the competition's [Exposure](#) [page.](#)

Here is a general comment from the Jury members:

*The Jury appreciated this year's submissions for the YRE International Competition. The Jury recognised the improved quality of the entries submitted for the competition this year. The Jury also recognised two types of entries, first – based on general YRE rules, recognised as a journalistic entry (in the photo and video category) and the second type, campaign photo or video. The Jury decided to award some of the entries with the above comments and suggested to continue the competition in the future with recognition of those two categories.*



The winners are:

# Article

## 11–14 years old

### 1st Place

Title: [The food waste crisis](#)

Author: Amanda Amaeshi (Scotland)

### 2nd Place

Title: [Illegal landfills in Bar municipality](#)

Author: *Lucija Milović* (Montenegro)

### 3rd Place

Title: [Water... life on Earth](#)

Author: Ameen Rabea (Israel)

### Honourable mention

Title: [Reducing plastic pollution requires habit change](#)

Author: Sophia Schultz (Canada)

## 15–18 years old

### 1st Place

Title: [Bay in the Balance: Ocean Acidification Threatens the Chesapeake Ecosystem](#)

Author: Clara Benadon (United States)

### 2nd Place

Title: [Water in the maltese areas... Every drop counts](#)

Author: Samira Axiak and Jessica Schembri (Malta)

## 19–21 years old

### Honourable mention

Title: [Forest can help to feed the world's population](#)

Author: Olivia Forssén and Felicia Persson (Sweden)

#### Honourable mention

Title: [Flowers: The candle that burns to illuminate the population of "Dades"](#)

Author: Badia El Faskaoui, Fatima Zahra Achich, Fatima Zahra Saidi, Moussa Fadili, Malika El Oualy and Rachid Aarime supervised by Teacher M. Sabir Masstour (Morocco)

# Photograph

## 11–14 years old

#### 1st Place

Title: [The goat liked it](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Andrija Babović (Montenegro)

#### 1st Place

Title: [Heritage?](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Eva Mančíková (Slovakia)

#### 2nd Place

Title: [Lake Balkhash: exciting and frightening](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Tatyana Ekkart (Kazakhstan)

## 15–18 years old

#### 1st Place

Title: [For a brighter future](#) (as a YRE campaign photo)

Author: Astrid Aronsson and Linnéa Gren (Sweden)

#### 1st Place

Title: [Doksasmeni Lake](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Nicholas Mouros (Cyprus)

#### Honourable mention

Title: [Like a fish out of water](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Nikolina Golubović (Montenegro)

## 19–21 years old

### 1st Place

Title: [Wounds in the landscape](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Frederico Santos (Portugal)

### Honourable mention

Title: [Is there a difference between life and life?](#) (as a YRE campaign photo)

Author: Joakim Lindqvist, Elin Eriksson, Michelle Sjögren and Julia Berg (Sweden)

### Honourable mention

Title: [Livelihoods and nature](#) (as a YRE journalistic photo)

Author: Faissal Ammi (Morocco)

# Video

## 11–14 years old

### 1st Place

Title: [Rethinking Nature, thinking with Nature](#)

Author: Merlin Goleret, Anthony Heuvin, Lennon Jeaugey, Paula Kimpfler, Jeanne Lepelletier, Illiana Levillair, Romain Lopez, Diégo Luca, Ronan Mahaud, Diana Mai, Téoman Ozturk, Alexander Rosengart, Maéla Sala–Alvarez, Benjamin Souci, Marine Soussan–Jeannot, Emilie Thiebot, Luna Torres–Navarro, Andres Vacca, Claire Vafadar, Maïka Vilanova Almagia (France)

### 2nd Place

Title: [The Iberian lynx \(\*Lynx pardinus\*\) is back](#)

Author: Andreia Ferreira, Beatriz Tavares, Inês Tavaresa and Leonor Carvalho (Portugal)

### Honorable mention in campaign

Title: "[Littering? You can do better!](#)" [Don't let Pokemon Go distract you from looking after our environment](#) (as a YRE campaign video)

Author: Ana Hoonhout (New Zealand)

#### Honorable mention in campaign

Title: [Water Shortage \(Save the Water, Save the World\)](#) (as a YRE campaign video)

Author: Dongsan Elementry School (South Korea)

## 15–18 years old

#### 1st Place

Title: [Where Bees Do Not Fly](#)

Author: Tamara Eliašová, Mária Jánošíková and Michal Mazánik (Slovakia)

#### 2nd Place

Title: [Food Waste: The Search for a Simple Solution](#)

Author: Megan He (United States)

#### 2nd Place

Title: [A greener lawn to play football](#)

Author: Laura Bissakou, Rosine Imossio, Amanda Goubakouly–Mouendengo and Houlda Okyemou (France – French High School in Congo)

## 19–21 years old

#### Honorable mention for technique

Title: [Global warming, killing us](#)

Author: Kim eun sol and Jung you jin (South Korea)

# International Collaboration

### 1st Place

Title: [Coffee Production and Consumption – The Issues and Solutions.](#)

Author: Ulidia Integrated College, Carrickfergus (Northern Ireland) and Lycee Pole, Fort Dauphin (Madagascar).

### 2nd Place

Title: [Bringing back the past to assure the future](#)

Author: Sofia Castanho (Portugal) and Adriána Henčeková (Slovakia)

# Winners in Litter Less Campaign category

The Jury also discussed the top national entries from schools participating in the Litter Less Campaign. Below are the results of the evaluation:

## Article

### Age 11 – 14

#### 1st Place

Title: [Change is Coming: Reusable Food Boxes](#)

Country: Slovakia

#### 2nd Place

Title: [The Litter Less and Dunk The Junk Campaign](#)

Country: Ireland

#### 2nd Place

Title: [Everybody is Responsible for Garbage Reduction](#)

Country: China

## Age 15 – 18

### 1st Place

Title: [The advertising brochure – a monster swallowing yearly a whole forest](#)

Country: Romania

### 2nd Place

Title: [The Choice is Yours! Bioplastics for Cleaner Environment](#)

Country: Slovakia

### 3rd Place

Title: [Food Waste](#)

Country: Portugal

## Age 19 – 21

### 1st Place

Title: [Litter: Old issue, New chapter](#)

Country: Portugal

# Photo

## Age 11 – 14

### 1st Place

Title: [I don't belong here](#)

Country: Portugal

### 2nd Place

Title: [Where laugh, and games, and children are?](#)

Country: Kazakhstan



### 3rd Place

Title: [A corner of pollution on lake Bicz](#)

Country: Romania

## Age 15 – 18

### 1st Place

Title: [Imprisoned](#)

Country: Slovakia

### Mention

Title: [Mirror](#)

Country: Romania

### Mention

Title: [Cotton swabs on the beaches. How to solve it?](#)

Country: Portugal

## Age 19 – 21

No winner

# Video

## Age 11 – 14

### 1st Place

Title: [Can you Trash?](#)

Country: China

### 2nd Place

Title: [Reducing waste](#)

Country: Israel

### Honorable mention

Title: [Again pollution, looking for solutions](#)

Country: Romania

## **Age 15 – 18**

**Honorable mention**

Title: [Bubble Tea - The Taste of Waste](#)

Country: Slovakia

**Honorable mention**

Title: [The Green Goblin](#)

Country: Ireland

## **Age 19 – 21**

**1st Place**

Title: [Recycle to save!](#)

Country: Portugal

Congratulations to all winners and thank you for your participation!