

## **Alb.Bio.Blitz Photo Contest 2016 In focus 'Balkan Green Belt'**

### **Participate in the photo contest!**

The nature of the Balkan Green Belt is home to an astonishing variety of landscapes and creatures.

The European Green Belt forms a 12.500 km long pan-European ecological corridor along the route of the former Iron Curtain from the Barents Sea in the north to the Mediterranean south of Europe, with an extraordinarily high level of biodiversity. The Balkan Green Belt is the southern part of the European Green Belt, running along 9 countries: Romania, Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria, Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Turkey, Montenegro and Kosovo.

To highlight the whole values that our nature has and especially the Albanian Green Belt, PPNEA in collaboration with [EuroNature](http://www.euronature.org) are organizing photo competition for the nature "Alb.Bio.Blitz 2016" ( <http://www.ppnea.org/bioblitz.html> ). The competition will be opened till 30 June. In this contest are invited amateurs and professionals from all Albania and further. Applicants may participate with their photos from green belt in different category as animals, insects, plants, etc. furthermore visit [categories](#).

We invite all visitors and residents along the Balkan Green Belt to go on a journey of exploration and photograph the most beautiful motives and most impressive experiences.

### **Participation pays off!**

The prize-winning pictures will be represented on PPNEA-s website: [www.ppnea.org](http://www.ppnea.org) and on Green Belt website: [www.europeangreenbelt.org](http://www.europeangreenbelt.org).

Be part of [Alb.Bio.Blitz](#) 2016 ( <http://www.ppnea.org/bioblitz.html> ) which is taking place in all of the nine countries along the Balkan Green Belt!

**For the main winner will be a price of 200 €, while for the best of each category will be surprise prices.**

## Category

### **Mammals**

Mammals, photos in this category should highlight the beauty and the importance of the wild animals. These photos may show individual details of one animal or group of animals, portrait or general overview, their behavior or actions.

### **Birds**

Birds, photos in this category should highlight the beauty and the importance of the wild birds. These photos may show individual details of one bird or group of birds, portrait or general overview, their behavior or actions.

### **Reptiles and Amphibians**

Reptiles and Amphibians, photos in this category should highlight the beauty and the importance of the Reptiles and Amphibians. These photos may show individual details of one Reptile/Amphibian or in group, portrait or general overview, their behavior or actions.

### **Terrestrial invertebrates**

Terrestrial invertebrates, photos in this category should highlight the beauty and the importance of the insects, snails, worms, etc. These photos may show individual details of one invertebrate or in group, portrait or general overview, their behavior or actions.

### **Aquatic Fauna**

Aquatic Fauna, photos should have in focus aquatic organisms in their natural environment that illustrate marine fauna or that in sweet water.

### **Landscape**

In this category, photos should show landscape of nature or landscape of a place such as mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers, etc.

### **How can the photos be submitted?**

The participation is free. Send your pictures to: <http://www.ppnea.org/apliko-bioblitz.html>

The winners will be announced by the end of July 2016 on the website of PPNEA [www.ppnea.org](http://www.ppnea.org) and in our Facebook page [Protection and Preservation the Natural Environment in Albania](#).

### **We are looking forward to your pictures!**

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### **Conditions of entry**

#### **Application process**

- Application process will be closed on 30 June 2016
- Photos must be sent by completing the online application form.
- For every photo must be complete the time and the description of the place.
- Photos of the competition will be show in the [gallery](#) of AlbBioBlitz.
- The criteria of the evaluation will be involved not only the resolution of the photos but also the importance of the species (e.g a pale photography or unfocused enough of a wild goat will be worthy than a 'high definition' of a common passerine that someone have been shooting from the balcony of its home).

#### **Rules**

- This competition is opened for the participants from worldwide but the photos must be only from the Albanian Green Belt. Photos from other areas of the country will not be accepted.
- One participant may send photos more than one category.
- In the competition will be accepted even old photos that you may have in your personal or family photograph library, you only need to scan and to send explaining the year and the place.
- The competition it is not only for the professionals and everyone may send photos although it may not be very high quality.
- The application it is free of charge
- You must have the copyright of every photo, copping from the internet is not allowed.
- Please minimize the digital manipulation such as cloning, filters and the composition. The photo must represent only the scene as you have seen it.
- Images HDR Panoramas and Stitched are allowed
- Please do not use frames or other electronic modification in the photos
- Submitted images must be in one of the formats gif, jpg, jpeg, png, mpeg or bmp.
- The size in 'megabyte' must be not more than 10 mb.
- The photos of pets and farm animals will be not considered besides the situation where they are part of the landscape category.

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## Copyright

- You will be have the copyright and in every post will be credited together with photos (e.g © *Name Surname / PPNEA*)
- Being part of the competition, you give us the non-exclusive right to show your photos of this contest and or in the different posts of PPNEA and EuroNatur.
- PPNEA may allow other internet pages to show a selection of the photos or evaluated images in order to be published the results of this competition wider.
- PPNEA won't use in any circumstances the photos of participants for commercial benefits, always if it is not agreed with the photographer.
- All prize-winning pictures may be used by the organiser PPNEA EuroNatur for commercial sale of communication material and its advertisement, like calendars.
- All prize-winning pictures may be used by the organiser EuroNatur and PPNEA for an exhibition and its advertisement.