

General rules for the European phase of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) 2020

Update April 2020: In view of the present situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have modified the rules of the European phase. The assignment and the awards remain the same, but there are changes to the calendar and the date and location of the award ceremony.

1. Registration

The European phase of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) 2020 is open to those teams having finished among the winners or being the finalists in the national phase of the ESC and having been proposed to participate in the European phase by their countries.

There will be two categories of participation: A and B. As a reference, category A comprises students in the last two courses in secondary education (approx. 16-18 years old) and category B includes all other students in secondary education (approx. 14-16 years old).

Each country will be able to propose up to **two** teams per category to participate in the European phase.

The registration in the European phase will be done by the national organization of each country.

2. Assignment

Participating teams will have to **make a video** in which they will have to explain a statistical concept. The topic of the video will be revealed to participating teams in due time. Please see “Calendar” section of this document.

Written explanations in the video will be in English. Spoken explanations will be preferably in English, although videos with the audio in the national language and English subtitles will also be valid. Regardless of the language of the audio, the use of subtitles in the video is highly recommended.

Videos will have a **maximum length of 2:00 minutes**.

Along with the videos, participants will have to prepare a pdf document in English, explaining the creation process of the video, including the users they would like to reach, the techniques used (and the reasons to use them), decision making process, the sources of statistical data (in case of using them), etc. This document will have a **maximum of 2000 words** and a **maximum extension of 4 pages**.

In view of the present situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), teams cannot meet to work on the videos, so we encourage students to use remote working options.

3. Evaluation Criteria

When evaluating the selected videos, the jury of the European phase of the ESC will take into account:

- The creativity of the video
- An understandable / convincing message according to the concept / question raised
- The effectiveness of the video to get its message across
- The concordance between the pdf document and the video

4. Awards

The jury will declare one winner and the second and the third place per category. The jury can decide not to award any prize to the presented videos.

Each member and the tutor of the two winning teams of the European phase (categories A and B) will receive the following prizes:

- A gift card (400€)
- A set of publications and promotional material from Eurostat
- A winner diploma

In view of the present situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the award ceremony in Budapest on the 10th of June is cancelled. The organization will do its best to set a new date and location to hold the ceremony as soon as relevant authorities allow it.

The same stated rules will apply in the new location:

The expenses of the trip and the accommodation, for the tutors and the students of the winning teams, will be covered by the organizers of the ESC.

In case there are students under 18 in the winning team at the time of the trip to the ceremony, the tutor must act as an approved guardian of the minors of her / his team and will take full responsibility of the minor students during the trip and the stay in the place of the award ceremony.

In case it is impossible for the organization to set a new date and location, the award ceremony will be held via videoconference.

In case of having two winning teams with the same tutor, the latter will only receive one prize.

Second and third teams along with the rest of the participating teams in the European phase will receive a diploma.

5. Calendar

Established calendars are not valid any longer. In order to adapt to the present situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), **the calendar for the European phase is to be set by each national organiser**. Participants in this phase will be contacted and get this information soon. The jury will make the decision about the winners as soon as possible, but the decision probably will not be made public before September 2020.

The organizing team will keep participants fully updated about new decisions.

6. Publication of videos

The awarded videos or those that received mentions will be announced on www.esc-2020.eu, indicating the full names of their authors. By their participation in the European phase of the ESC the participants accept that their names are announced and allow the publication of their videos. They may at any time revoke their consent to the processing of their personal data derived from their participation in this contest, without prejudice to any other right that assists them, in accordance with the applicable law.

Videos must not infringe any third party copyright or trademark, or violate the rights of any person or entity. Teams need to be sure to only use content in their video that they are authorised to use, including, without limitation, music, images, film clips and other intellectual property.

In case there are minors appearing in the video, the team must send to the organization of the ESC, along with the video and the pdf files, authorizations to appear in the film signed by the legal guardian of each minor. Lack of authorizations will disqualify the video. Teams can ask the organization in their countries to provide them with an authorization form.

All the materials presented at the European phase of the ESC may be published by the European Statistical System (ESS).

7. Reservation of rights

The organization of the European phase of the ESC reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of the European phase of the ESC, especially the dates announced in the calendar, or even its possible cancellation, whenever there is a justified cause. These modifications would be made public at www.esc-2020.eu.

8. Acceptance of the rules of the European phase of the ESC

Participation in the European phase of the European Statistics Competition (ESC) assumes the acceptance of all these rules.