

Rules of the competition

*"Once upon a time, there was a girl and a boy, without the two of them,
the world would no longer be ..."*

Article 1 – At the occasion of **women's international day** in **2009**, and for the third year running, **the European Commission** proposes to **launch a drawing competition on March 8th 2009**, on **the gender equality's theme**. This competition will call on the children in third countries, the future adults, to express their vision of gender equality. Their participation will testify to the integration of the concept of "gender equality", in the spirit of the children.

Article 2 - This competition is open to all the children of the 8-10 years age group, residing holding the nationality and attending school in one of the seven following regions: Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Latin America, Mediterranean, Other European Countries including Easter Neighbours¹ and Pacifica.

Article 3 – The participants are invited to create a drawing, expressing their vision of women/men equality with a caption, if necessary.

Article 4 - The drawing has to be produced on a size sheet maximum format A4, and on only one side of the sheet.

Article 5 - The caption will not exceed 5 lines. It has to be on the same side as the drawing.

Article 6 -The first name, the last name and the age of the child, should be written on the back of the drawing, together with his class and the address of the school.

Article 7 -**The deadline for receipt of the drawing is May 15 2009**. Entries should be submitted to the Delegation of the European Commission in the country where the child attends school.

Article 8 - A jury composed of European children will select the winners by region participating to the competition, as follow: 4 drawings for Africa, 2 drawings for Asia, 1 drawing for Caribbean, 2 drawings for Latin America, 2 drawings for Mediterranean, 2 drawings for Other European Countries including Easter Neighbours and 1 drawing for Pacifica.

Article 9 – A prize equivalent to € 1 000 will be offered to the winners from each region participating to the competition.

Article 10 - The drawings of the winners will be included in a booklet which will be distributed in the schools of the countries of the region concerned, and in the European schools having participated to the competition.

Article 11 - The participants understand that the copyright of the pictures will be retained by the European Commission.

Article 12 - The European Commission will keep all drawings submitted. The participants will not have right of return.

Article 13- The European Commission can not be held for responsible for *force majeure*, should the competition have to be modified or cancelled.

Article 14 – Submission of an entry presupposes the acceptance of all competition conditions by the participants. No appeal on the method of the organisation or on the results of the competition will be accepted. The jury's decisions will be final.

Article 15 – The competition's rules will be provided to all participants' schools or children.

¹ Except the following countries: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and Vatican - http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/we/index_en.htm