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BELFORT - 9th edition - 3 to 29 November 2026

Bridge between Belfort and Zaporizhzhia 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THE CALL FOR APPLICATION INTENDED TO PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM ZAPORIZHZHIA IS OPEN.
DO NOT MISS THIS OCCASION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MONTH OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN BELFORT
AND **APPLY BEFORE THE 30TH OF AUGUST 2026 MIDNIGHT !**

GUIDELINE

Next November, the City of Belfort organises the Month of Photography, a key moment dedicated to the photography.

During this event that puts the spotlight on photography, both professional and amateur photographers will be featured in various exhibitions in cultural places, shops and cafés throughout the city.

Within the scope of the twinning between Belfort and Zaporizhzhia, the City of Belfort would like to open a space on its cultural events to its Ukrainian partners.

This call for applications is intended for professional and amateur photographers, from the city of Zaporizhzhia.

The selected photographs will be displayed in an outdoor space, in the heart of the city during the Month of Photography.

THEME : METAMORPHOSIS

Nothing is set in stone. The world is constantly changing. Landscapes evolve, people change, and materials transform. Every metamorphosis, whether visible or imperceptible, sudden or gradual, chosen or imposed, tells a story of evolution, rupture, adaptation or renewal.

Photography has a special connection with these moments of transition. By freezing time, it reveals the traces of change, highlighting what is transforming and bringing to light what sometimes escapes our notice.

The theme of 'Metamorphosis' opens up a vast field of exploration. All approaches are welcome, whether the focus is on personal or collective transformation, urban change, a landscape in the making, artistic experimentation, or a reinterpretation of reality.

We invite photographers to explore change sensitively, revealing transitions, ruptures and new beginnings, and making each image the narrative of a world in motion.

HOW TO APPLY

The applicants willing to participate must imperatively submit their application files including all the necessary documents (see below) **before the 30th August 2026 by midnight.**

Application must be made individually : a photographer submits a consistent set of 10 to 20 photographs about the theme « Metamorphoses ».

The application file must include all the following documents :

- The contact details (following page) of the applicant
- A ZIP file named « Title of the set_MoisdelaphotoZaporizhzhia» which includes a set from 10 to 20 photographs in HD JPG format (300 dpi)

- A contact sheet (1 A4 page) showing all the images of the set with captions.
- A statement explaining the artistic approach, inspirations and objectives of the project.

Any application that is incomplete, incorrect or does not comply with the rules will be considered inadmissible and will be rejected.

Applications must be written in English and sent to moisdelaphoto@mairie-belfort.fr AND contemp.art.center@gmail.com

Candidates will be personally informed by email of the outcome of their application.

REWARDS

- **An exhibition:** The selected set of photographs will be presented, in whole or in part, as part of Mois de la Photo, which will take place next November in Belfort. The number of photographs exhibited will be adjusted according to technical constraints. They will be printed on 60 x 80 cm Dibond panels and hung on the railings of Square du Souvenir, in the heart of the city of Belfort.
- **Availability of the exhibition:** The panels produced may, at the request of the winners, be made available to them after the event. In this case, the mandatory statement 'Exhibition produced as part of the Month of Photography in the City of Belfort' must appear.
- **An invitation to Belfort:** the winner will be invited to take part in the launch of the Mois de la Photo in Belfort (on 3 November 2026). The City of Belfort will cover the cost of accommodation in Belfort for the winner and one accompanying person for a maximum of five days, as well as a lunch to meet the team behind the Mois de la Photo. Travel costs and other expenses will not be covered.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

This call for applications is open to professional and amateur photographers, residing in Zaporizhzhia. The information provided in the call for applications constitutes an integral part of these rules.

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE : The purpose of these rules is to govern the conditions of the call for applications and the respective obligations of the City of Belfort, participants and successful applicant.

ARTICLE 2 – COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF BELFORT: The City of Belfort undertakes to organise the call for applications in accordance with the conditions set out in the regulations.

ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS : The conditions for participation are specified in the call for applications. They are cumulative and must all be met. The City of Belfort reserves the right to request any supporting documentation. Failure to provide such documentation will result in the application not being considered or being rejected.

ARTICLE 4 – APPLICATION FILE : Applicants must submit a file that complies with the conditions listed in the call for applications, in the paragraph entitled 'How to apply', particularly with regard to the form and date of submission. Any incomplete, non-compliant or late applications will be rejected without the City of Belfort being held liable.

ARTICLE 5 – GUARANTEES BY THE APPLICANT : The applicant guarantees that they are the author of the photographs submitted and that they hold all exploitation rights. In the event of third-party rights (including image rights), they undertake to obtain the necessary authorisations.

ARTICLE 6 – SELECTION PROCESS : The jury is composed of representatives from the City of Belfort and the City of Zaporizhzhia. It will select photographs based on criteria of thematic relevance, aesthetic quality, and originality. The jury's decisions are final and cannot be appealed. The jury may decide not to select any photographs if it considers that none of the applications received are relevant. The successful applicant will be notified by email.

ARTICLE 7 – COST COVERAGE : The City of Belfort will directly cover the costs arising from :

- the printing and hanging of the photographs which will be exhibited in Belfort as part of Photography Month 2026,

- The accommodation for the winner and one accompanying person in Belfort in November 2026 (for a maximum of 5 days),
- A meeting lunch in Belfort with the people working on Photography Month.

The City of Belfort will directly cover these costs up to a limit of €3,200 including tax.

ARTICLE 8 – AUTHORISATION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS: The successful candidate grants, on a non-exclusive and royalty-free basis, for a period of five years, the right to reproduce, display and distribute:

- the photographs in their application during the launch event for Photography Month;
- a photograph chosen by mutual agreement, on any communication medium (website, social media, brochure) of the City of Belfort, solely for the promotion of the exhibition.

The selected candidate(s) agree to mention Month of Photography in all communications, with the following credit: © Surname First name / Month of Photography – City of Belfort / 2026

ARTICLE 9 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES : Submission of an application implies full and complete acceptance of these rules.

ARTICLE 10 – CANCELLATION: The City of Belfort reserves the right to cancel the call for applications at any time in the event of force majeure. It will inform the successful candidate accordingly.

ARTICLE 11 – PERSONAL DATA: Candidates' data is processed by the City of Belfort as part of the call for applications. The data collected will only be communicated to those involved in receiving applications, pre-selecting applications and appointing one or more successful candidates. The data will be kept for the duration of the Month of Photography and subsequent editions, for archival purposes. Candidates may access their data, rectify it, request its deletion or exercise their right to restrict the processing of their data. To exercise these rights or for any questions about the processing of your data in this system, you can contact the City of Belfort by sending an email to moisdelaphoto@mairie-belfort.fr.

ARTICLE 12 – DISPUTES: In the event of a dispute relating to these rules, the parties shall seek an amicable solution. Failing this, the dispute shall fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Belfort. French law shall apply.



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APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S CONTACT DETAILS:

Title	☐ SIR	☐ MADAM	☐ OTHER
Surname			
First name			
Date of birth			
Email adress			
Postal adress			
Postcode			
City			
Country			
Website			
Instagram			
Facebook			

STATUS

I am a	☐ Professionnal photographer	☐ Amateur
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APPLICATION

Title of the set	
Description of the proposed photographic set	