

European Young Chemists' Network present:
PHOTOCHIMICA 2026
(6th edition)

— Rules and Regulations —

The European Young Chemists' Network (EYCN) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 6th edition of **PHOTOCHIMICA**, our European competition dedicated to the art of scientific photography.

The theme for this edition is:

“Chemistry powers the world”

We invite you to explore how chemistry fuels progress and drives the world around us. Capture the reactions that spark innovation, the materials that build our future, and the processes that power everyday life. Through your lens, reveal the energy, movement, and transformation that show how chemistry truly powers the world.

1. Eligibility

Participation is open to all young chemistry enthusiasts from any country. In accordance with the EYCN definition, “young” refers to individuals under the age of 35. *Members of the PHOTOCHIMICA organizing team and the official jury are ineligible to compete.*

2. Submission process

Every participant may enter up to three photos via the [online form](#), altogether with necessary personal information, photos context, formal acceptance of the rules detailed in this document and, for underage participants, a signed guardian's permission form. The uploaded files needs to be in high-resolution and include the participant's name.

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Additional Information:

- a) Every photo must have a title (maximum 5 words) and must be accompanied by a short caption/description (maximum 100 words). This description should explain the subject matter and include any additional information that highlights the relevance or importance of the photograph.
- b) Submitted photos must not contain signature, borders, logos, or any other specific identifying marks.
- c) Images from your own research – including SEM, TEM, AFM, XRD, electrochemical techniques, chromatography, and other measurements, are welcome. Please note that the jury will not evaluate the scientific impact of your research. The primary goal of this contest is to promote the visibility of chemistry and engage a wider audience from outside the research field.
- d) Submitted photos can be lightly edited (e.g., filters, and standard post-processing adjustments such as contrast, brightness and saturation). However, these edits must not lead to the alteration or falsification of the core scientific messages of the image.
- e) Pictures generated using AI tools are not accepted. By submitting your work, you declare that no AI tools were used in its creation.

3. Competition calendar

- a) Competition Launch: 1st April 2026
- b) Application window: 1st April 2026-14th June 2026
- c) Judging process: August-September 2026
- d) Results announcement: September-October 2026

4. Jury

The PHOTOCHEMICA team, composed of EYCN and/or EuChemS representatives, will assess entries for eligibility and shortlist 20 photos. An international jury will then select the final twelve. Results will be announced via EYCN social media channels.

5. Photo use and copyright

- a. Participants grant the organizers the right to reproduce their photos for any purposes related to the EYCN and EuChemS. The organizers guarantee that the photographer's identity will be clearly credited upon every use.
- b. By entering the competition, participant declares that they hold all relevant copyrights to

submitted photo(s) and assume full legal responsibility should any claims to the contrary arise.

- c. If a participant is found not to hold the copyrights to their submission, they will be disqualified from receiving awards and shall be held liable for any damages resulting from such copyright infringement.

6. Awards

The winner(s) will receive a gift prize.

7. Organizational rules

- a. Participant must enter photos that have not previously been awarded in any other competition.
- b. Once submitted, an entry may not be changed or replaced.
- c. It is strictly prohibited to enter photos containing pornography, violence, illegal practices, or discrimination, or that otherwise invade human dignity or privacy.
- d. Participant will be disqualified if they fail to respect these rules; disqualification is at the sole discretion of the jury and their decision is final.

For any questions, regarding the rules and regulations, please contact us at: science@eycn.eu

We wish you the best of luck!