

Submission Form

Project Terms and Conditions

Any information provided by you in this submission form is required for the administration and communications in regards to the Presidency competition. Your data will be retained and used solely for this purpose. We share your information with Drumcondra Education Support Centre to manage the competition. Your information will be stored for a period of two academic years following the competition or until you opt out of communications. For further information on data protection, visit our Privacy Policy. By submitting an entry for the competition, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that the entry and subsequent images may be featured online and/or reproduced and broadcast (in whole or in part) on media and social channels for promotional and/or educational purposes.

1. Projects must be submitted in either English or Irish.
1. DFAT and DESC cannot accept responsibility for lost, damaged, or delayed entries. It should be noted that success in the “EU and Me” competition should not be considered as any indication of the likely performance by a student or group of students in a State Examination, or in any other competition.
2. By submitting an entry for the competition, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that the entry and any subsequent images may be featured online and/or reproduced and broadcast (in whole or in part) on media and social channels for promotional and/or educational purposes.
3. All entries must be the pupils’ original work and not plagiarised wholly or in part; the work entered must be the pupils’ own but may be aided or guided by a teacher. It is important that the projects are clearly written and created by the students and that any assistance given by parents/guardians, teachers and other adults is acknowledged.
4. Any secondary materials (books, journals, websites etc.) must be referenced. To include such material without properly referencing the source will be considered plagiarism.
5. By entering, participants certify that the entry does not infringe the rights of any third party. Material generated using artificial intelligence (AI) software or applications is not permitted.
6. By signing the consent form, the teacher/principal takes responsibility for ensuring consent for the distribution/use of any entries and/or images submitted as outlined herein.
7. Judges will take into consideration entries from Special Schools and other educational environments.

8. Schools may submit multiple entries. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed form with a teacher/guardian signature.
9. Short-listed entrants may be asked to confirm the authenticity of their submission.
10. DFAT and DESC reserve the right to alter entries as necessary to ensure accuracy and maintain formatting requirements and/or consistency for print/promotional/broadcast purposes.
11. The judges and sponsoring organisations will not enter into correspondence regarding the judges' decision' national awards decisions are final. Please note that no feedback will be provided.
12. Award winners may be required to participate in publicity.
13. No cash or alternative in whole or part of the prize will be offered.
14. DFAT and DESC reserve the right to amend any part of these rules and regulations as required without notice.
15. Submissions cannot be returned under any circumstances.
16. Due to the large number of entries received each year, it is not possible to provide feedback on individual submissions.
17. A panel of judges with an educational background will be appointed to evaluate entries. In cases where the entrants have a connection with the Judge, a replacement reserve Judge will take their place.

Consent Form Template

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is running a competition in collaboration with Drumcondra Education Support Centre (DESC).

The competition aims to encourage students to develop their EU awareness and citizenship through critical engagement with Ireland's EU Presidency. By doing so students are encouraged to explore what the EU means to them, how the EU impacts their daily lives, and what the EU can do to ensure a better future.

The purpose of the competition is to promote a sense of belonging and understanding about the EU and Ireland's presidency in children. This approach seeks to build on students' understanding of the EU to their own lived experiences. It is hoped that through their engagement, students will become more aware of Ireland's influential role in the EU and the impact of the EU in Ireland.

Students can submit their entries in video format.

Their entries may be used by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade:

- On its website
- On its social media channels and those of government bodies
- In publications, press and broadcast media
- At public events
- At presentations and conferences by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade staff

Photos of winning students may be taken at an awards event and published online.

Please indicate your own consent for your child to participate in this competition by signing the form below. If you do not sign this consent form, we may not be able to allow you to participate in the Programme.

By submitting an entry for the competition, the entrant acknowledges and agrees that the entry and any subsequent images may be featured online and/or reproduced and broadcast (in whole or in part) on media and social channels for promotional and/or educational purposes.

More information including your right to withdraw your consent and other rights is available in the Department's Privacy notice and the Department's Data Protection Policy also available on its website.

Please ensure that the student and a parent or guardian signs this form

For pupil/student:

I agree to take part in the competition.

I understand that my project, along with my photograph, may be used for promotional or awareness-raising purposes for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and may appear in videos, in publications or on social media.

I give my permission for my work to be reproduced, as it was submitted, showcased in/by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade including in print, online, social media, and video-based marketing materials if I am successful in winning this competition.

I understand that the photographs and video will be used for promotional or awareness-raising purposes by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and may appear in videos, in publications or on social media.

Pupil NAME: _____

Pupil SIGNATURE: _____

For parent/guardian:

I agree to allow the child named above to participate in this competition and in a photography session/video recording related to the competition.

I give my permission for their submitted project to be reproduced, as it was submitted.

If my child is successful in winning this competition, I agree that their image can be used by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for use in material promoting Ireland's EU Presidency including print, online, social media, and video-based marketing materials, as well as other Organisational publications.

Parent/Guardian NAME: _____

Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____