

To all Members of the PostEurop  
Stamps and Philately

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Dear Members,

With this newsletter, we bring to you the latest updates on PostEurop Stamp and Philatelic activities and reminders on important dates.

First of all, I would like to inform you about a recent organizational change in the Stamps and Philately steering group, in which I have been appointed Chair of the working group as a representative of Poczta Polska S.A. and Emile Espen from Post Luxembourg, as Vice-Chair. The group also thanks Anita Häggblom from Åland Post for her tireless contribution and positive energy. On behalf of the entire Stamps and Philatelic community we wish her a happy retirement.

The **PostEurop Philatelic Forum** will take place in Krakow, Poland on 16–17 May 2018.

The Forum's theme – “**PostEurop Philatelic Industry Forum 2018**” takes on a new approach. For the first-time representatives of postal administrations and philatelic market stakeholders – will be able to establish new contacts and business opportunities.



Two days of inspiring presentations, fruitful discussions, networking, creative projects, philatelic novelties, all of this and much more will happen at the Forum. Please refer to the Forum Agenda in Appendix 1 of this newsletter which includes the list of Gold and Silver Sponsors. We are delighted that Mr Botond Szebeny, Secretary General of PostEurop will be speaking at the event.

**THE FORUM VENUE** is the Vienna House Andel's Cracow Hotel  
Address: 3, Pawia St., 31154 Krakow Poland  
Phone: +48 12 66 00 100  
[www.viennahouse.com](http://www.viennahouse.com)

On 16 May 2018, all participants are specially invited by the forum's co-organizer – Poczta Polska S.A. to join a guided tour of the historical Old Town in Krakow followed by a charming dinner.

Hotel accommodation offers in the vicinity is enclosed in Appendix 2 of this newsletter. You may make your room booking directly to the respective hotels referencing the booking code “**PostEurop**”.

To secure your participation, we would very much appreciate it if you could already send your completed participation form in Appendix 3 to Mr. Antonio Manuel Amaral ([antonio.amaral@posteurop.org](mailto:antonio.amaral@posteurop.org)), by 10 April 2018 at the latest.

Let's meet in Krakow and let us inspire you!

## Most beautiful EUROPA Stamp 2018 "Bridges" – Jury & Online Competition

As you are probably aware, we have begun requesting for the 2018 EUROPA Stamp competition entry stamp at the beginning of February this year. To ensure the timely distribution of information to all postal operators and the public, I hereby wish to remind you to send the required information no later than 31 March 2018 to António Manuel Amaral ([antonio.amaral@posteurop.org](mailto:antonio.amaral@posteurop.org)) in order to give us the time to process the information and prepare the online competition before launching our campaign in May.



Should you wish to participate in the expert Jury Competition, which will take place in mid-June, please send your real stamp by physical mail, to António Manuel Amaral at PostEuropa – Boulevard Brand Whitlock 114, 1200 Brussels, Belgium, by 1 June 2018 at the very latest.

## Beethoven 2020


The year 2020 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth (1770–1827). The genius composer and pianist has inspired musicians of all generations. His Ninth Symphony as the Anthem of Europe is one of the most well-known symbols of European unity. In our opinion the anniversary will be a great opportunity to issue a commemorative Ludwig van Beethoven postage stamp.

Please take note that details concerning the anniversary celebrations can be found by contacting the Beethoven House and the Beethoven Anniversary Association. Moreover, the Beethoven House is the owner of numerous image rights (including most Beethoven paintings, buildings, documents etc.) and would support postal organizations with their iconographic materials. <https://www.beethoven.de/sixcms/list.php?template=home>

The official Beethoven logo for the events related to Beethoven's 250 birthday can be found on this website <https://www.bthvn2020.de/>.

Please note that the proposal to celebrate Beethoven's anniversary is no way related to the 2020 EUROPA stamp theme.

Yours sincerely

  
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Chair

PostEuropa Stamp & Philately Steering Group