

To all Members of the PostEurop
Stamps and Philately

Brussels, 25 July 2018

Dear Members,

PostEurop Stamp and Philately Working Group meeting on 14 September 2018

I am pleased to invite you to our next PostEurop Stamps & Philately Working Group meeting in Brussels. In this regard, please find in Appendix 1 the preliminary agenda for this meeting taking place on **14 September 2018 13:00–17:30 CET, at PostEurop Headquarters in Brussels (Address: Boulevard Brand Whitlock 114, 1200 Brussels).**

All Members willing to share with us **their ideas or projects** to be presented during the meeting are asked to contact Agnieszka Trzaskowska (agnieszka.trzaskowska@poczta-polska.pl).

All working group meeting participants are invited to take part in the Grands Prix de l'Art Philatélique Belge et Européenne ceremony the following day on **15 September 2018, 15:00 CET at the Brussels City Hall.**

Should you be interested in participating in this meeting and the ceremony mentioned above, I kindly ask you to inform Mr. António Manuel Amaral, (antonio.amaral@posteurop.org), by email, at the latest by the **5 September 2018.**

Most beautiful EUROPA Stamp 2018 “Bridges” – Jury & Online Competition

The most beautiful EUROPA Stamp 2018 “Bridges” expert Jury meeting was held on 25 June 2018 at PostEurop premises in Brussels. The winners will be announced during the ceremony of Grands Prix de la Philatélie Belge et Européenne in the splendid Salle de la Milice of the Town Hall of Brussels on 15 September 2018.



Till 9 September 2018, we are collecting votes for the favourite stamps on www.posteurop.org/europa2018. At the moment we have a record number of votes: **12 000**

received! We invite you to intensify your promotional activities on EUROPA stamp 2018 and the online competition, using all your communication channels available, in order to reach the highest number of votes ever. The winning stamps will be announced at the PostEurop Plenary Assembly to be held on 3 October 2018 in Georgia. **Follow us on Twitter @EUROPastamps**

EUROPA stamp 2019 “National birds”

Some members have inquired about the definition of the 2019 EUROPA stamp topic, which is “National birds”. In order to avoid any doubts regarding the interpretation of the topic, we suggest following definition: National birds are native birds living on the territory of a country.

As the “National birds” topic is expected to be one of the most popular themes in recent years we would like to draw your attention to the innovative project presented by PostNL during the PostEurop Philatelic Industry Forum 2018 in Krakow. Please have a look at Appendix 2 where you will find a detailed description of the project.

We would be interested to have your opinion about this project and kindly indicate your willingness to take part in it before **13 September 2018**. In the case of a positive reaction the Stamps & Philately Working Group will give its support to the project and will further attempt to get as many members as possible on board.

To be clear: PostEurop itself will not be involved in the contractual and financial details of this project. Studio Excello will be the partner for each participating Post.

If you have any further question please contact Mr. Arjan Jochems (Post NL), email: arjan.jochems@postnl.nl

PostEurop Philatelic Industry Forum 2020

It is our great pleasure to announce that the next **PostEurop Philatelic Industry Forum 2020** will be held in **Greece** and hosted by **the Hellenic Post**. Already today we would like to invite you to the Forum. We will communicate in due time about the date and the venue.

Yours sincerely

Agnieszka Trzaskowska
Chair
PostEurop Stamp & Philately Steering Group