CIDEREU International Photography Contest

The Municipality of Carrazeda de Ansiães, Tax Identification Number 506666018, as a partner of the CIDEREU project, a European network of cities dedicated to preserving apple heritage, promoting sustainable tourism, and strengthening rural communities through cider culture, hereby organizes the CIDEREU International Photography Competition and establishes the following participation rules:

1. The CIDEREU International Photography Competition will open in June 2026. Photographs may be submitted until **15 July 2026**.

2. The competition is open to amateur and professional photographers aged 18 years or over, of any nationality.

3. Only photographs dedicated to the preservation of apple heritage and cider culture will be accepted, with particular emphasis on the role of women in preserving, transmitting, and innovating this cultural, social, and productive heritage.

4. There are no restrictions regarding the photographic equipment or techniques used.

5. Only photographs captured exclusively in digital format and retaining their original capture metadata will be accepted.

6. Digitized analogue photographs will not be accepted. Images must have been taken within the five years preceding the opening date of the competition.

7. Participants are free to choose the locations they wish to photograph, provided that they respect private property rights.

8. Image editing and processing are permitted, including basic adjustments. The use of generative Artificial Intelligence is not permitted.

9. Each participant may submit a maximum of ten (10) photographs.

10. Black and white photographs will also be accepted.

11. Photographs that have previously received awards in national or international competitions will be accepted.

12. Digitally manipulated photographs containing frames, signatures, dates, or other added information.

13. When submitting photographs, participants must provide their full name, nationality, postal address, and email address.

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14. Photographs must be submitted before **23:59 (CET) on 15 July 2026** through the dedicated platform available at: https://cidereu.fotogenius.es

15. Images must be submitted in JPG format, using the sRGB colour space, in portrait orientation only, with the longest side measuring 1920 pixels and a maximum file size of 3 MB.

16. Should any submitted images pass the pre-selection stage, the participant will be notified by email and required to provide the original RAW files or original JPG files, if deemed necessary by the jury. If the photograph was created from multiple files, all source files must be provided. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the disqualification of the selected images.

17. Prize-winning participants will be notified by email.

18. Participants who do not advance to the final stage will be informed by email within seven (7) days following the pre-selection date.

19. Prize-winning authors undertake to subsequently provide the submitted photographs (with the same editing applied as in the original submission) in JPG format and at a high resolution suitable for printing and exhibition, with the longest side measuring at least 3000 pixels. A resolution of 300 dpi or higher is recommended.

20. All submitted photographs will be evaluated and selected by a jury composed of one representative from each CIDEREU project partner. The evaluation process will take place during the month of July. The results of the competition will be announced on 31 July 2026 on the official CIDEREU project website and its official social media channels.

21. The following prizes will be awarded:

- **First International Prize – €500**
- **Second International Prize – €200**
- **One Local Prize for each city or partner participating in the CIDEREU project – €100**

Prizes are not cumulative and only one prize may be awarded per entry. Therefore, entries receiving an International Prize shall not simultaneously be eligible for the corresponding Local Prize.

22. A travelling international exhibition featuring the 20 best photographs selected by the jury will be organized, including the prize-winning photographs and the remaining finalist images. The exhibition may travel across the territories of the CIDEREU project partners.

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23. By participating in the competition, authors grant CIDEREU and its institutional partners, free of charge, the right to use, reproduce, display, publish, and disseminate the submitted photographs within the framework of communication, promotional, cultural dissemination, exhibition, printed and digital publication, social media, educational materials, and project-related events, without territorial or time limitations, while always acknowledging the authorship of the images.

24. Copyright of the photographs shall remain with their respective authors. Authors grant CIDEREU a non-exclusive licence to use the images for non-commercial purposes related to the dissemination, promotion, and enhancement of the project and its activities.

25. A digital catalogue containing the prize-winning and selected photographs will be produced as part of the dissemination and cultural promotion activities of the CIDEREU project.

26. Selected photographs may be used in communication, dissemination, and promotional materials related to the CIDEREU project, including exhibitions, printed and digital publications, social media, websites, educational materials, and public events, while always acknowledging the authorship of the images.

27. All authors whose photographs are awarded or selected for the exhibition will receive an official participation certificate issued within the framework of the CIDEREU project.

28. Cash prizes will be paid by bank transfer. The award ceremony will take place from September onwards, and participants will be notified in advance

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