

**Regulation**  
**on the VII International Contest of**  
**School and Student Projects for the Preservation of Natural**  
**Ecosystems in the Baltic and Barents Sea Regions**  
**B3 – BELLONA BARENTS BALTIC**

The competition is held by the Environmental right center "BELLONA", the magazine "Environment and rights" and the Internet website bellona.ru with the support of the FSBI "Russian Arctic National Park", SFI "Directorate of specially protected natural territories of St. Petersburg" and "Directorate (administration) of especially protected natural territories of regional value of the Murmansk region".

**1. Aims and objectives of the contest:**

The goal is to reduce environmental pollution in the Baltic and Barents Sea regions with the help of the projects implemented by schoolchildren and students.

**Objectives:**

- 1) support of projects of schoolchildren and students in the field of environmental pollution prevention;
- 2) support in the implementation of the best projects by involving authorities, business representatives and the media;
- 3) dissemination of environmental knowledge and skills;
- 4) informing the public and authorities about the ongoing school and student projects.

**2. Participants of the contest**

Schoolchildren, students and pupils of other educational institutions living in any region of the world can take part in the contest. Individual projects and group projects can participate in the contest.

**3. Terms and conditions of the contest**

To participate in the contest, you need to register. The contest is held in absentia in two stages.

The first qualifying stage: from 2 August to 2 November, 2019.

The second main stage: from the moment of performance of the first stage tasks by the participant till 2 November, 2019.

### **3.1. Registration**

To participate in the contest, you need to register from 2 August to 2 November 2019 by filling in the application form posted on the [www website.bellona -konkurs.ru](http://www.bellona-konkurs.ru)

The participants of the group projects choose one representative who provides his / her contact details for informing and receiving prizes and diplomas of the participants.

### **3.2. The first qualifying stage**

The first qualifying stage includes passing a test containing questions about the Baltic and Barents seas, as well as their environmental condition. The test can be found on the [www.bellona - konkurs.ru](http://www.bellona-konkurs.ru) website.

If a team project is involved, the test should be taken either by the project participants together or by a representative of the group. If the test is taken by a participant with the help of a teacher, the teacher undertakes to discuss the test with the contestants during the lesson or after school hours. Participants who have successfully completed the task of the qualifying stage are allowed to participate in the second main stage. After passing the text, participants receive a letter with the results and instructions for participation in the second main stage of the contest.

### **3.3. The second main stage**

To perform the tasks of the second main stage, the participant must choose an environmental problem in the Baltic or Barents Sea region in 2018 or 2019, study it, and carry out work that contributes to the partial or complete solution of the selected problem.

To solve the problem, the participant must choose one of the forms of social activity:

- 1) information campaign (dissemination of information, creation of a website, etc.);
- 2) creation of an ecological trail;
- 3) cleaning of the territory;
- 4) implementation of the environmental action;
- 5) a letter to a public authority;
- (6) publication in the media;

or another activity that helps to solve the selected problem.

In a special form posted on the website [www.bellona -konkurs.ru](http://www.bellona-konkurs.ru), the participant must present the results of their activities by answering the questions:

1) In the form of an essay, describe the selected problem (no more than 2000 characters with spaces);

2) Describe your project.

Specify the goals and objectives of the project.

What research and actions were carried out during the project.

What conclusions were made (no more than 4000 characters with spaces);

3) Describe the practical activities that have been carried out in the course of the project to partially or completely solve the selected problem. Evaluate the results (no more than 4000 characters with spaces).

Additional materials may be attached: photos, videos, information brochure layout, the text of the sent letter, the text of the received response or other materials illustrating the implementation of the project.

The participants of the nomination "Art against pollution" should fill in the following items:

1) In the form of an essay, describe the selected problem (no more than 2000 characters with spaces);

2) Describe your project (no more than 4000 characters with spaces);

3) How the work of art presented in the contest was shared for greater social effect (no more than 4000 characters with spaces).

#### **4. Substantive requirements for projects**

The works submitted to the contest should contain a description of the research results and practical solutions for the conservation of natural ecosystems and their components in the Baltic and Barents seas.

Projects should have an actual result – a certain environmental effect should be achieved, meaning reduction of environmental pollution, improving the state of the components of natural ecosystems, changing the attitude of people to wildlife for the better, which will help reducing pollution in the future.

Abstract works and works fully performed by teachers are not allowed to participate in the contest.

#### **5. Nominations and age groups**

Projects can be submitted in nominations:

- Protection of seas from pollution;
- Countering industrial emissions that pollute the environment;
- The use of international and foreign experience to protect the environment;
- Environmental problems of cities;
- Art against pollution (photo, drawing, video, audio, etc.)

## **5.1. Nominations from the contest partners:**

### **5.1.1. "Russian Arctic National Park"**

**5.1.1.1. Nomination "Project" of the Arctic sea: 2.0".** This creative project should reflect the challenges and problems in the ecology of the Arctic seas territories in the XXI century (video, photo, presentation, drawing). The main thing is creativity and relevance of the chosen problem.

**5.1.1.2. Nomination "Factors affecting Arctic ecosystems and how to deal with them".** Participants of the contest need to conduct a mini-study and present the results in a form of a small report on the most important factors that have a negative effect on the fragile ecosystems of the Arctic region of Russia in the modern world; in a report, there should also be proposals to address these factors and minimize the negative impact.

### **5.1.2. "Directorate of specially protected natural areas of St. Petersburg"**

**5.1.2.1. Nomination "Threats to the protected areas of St. Petersburg and their prevention"**

In this nomination participants of the contest should organize and conduct an environmental action aimed to prevent negative factors affecting the specially protected natural areas of St. Petersburg (SPNA). The campaign is held in two stages.

The first stage is research, during which the participant should choose the problem on a specific protected area (littering, bonfires, illegal hunting, fishing, etc.) and suggest solutions to these problems (informing the population, conducting voluntary clean-up events and other activities aimed at eliminating the negative human impacts on the environment).

The result of the first stage should be presented in the form of an essay describing the chosen problem and ways of solving it.

Additional materials may be attached: leaflets, posters, photographs or illustrating materials by which the participants suggest to solve certain problems in the protected areas. While writing an essay and planning an environmental action, the participants should use only reliable information about the protected areas of St. Petersburg, their borders and the established regime of special protection. Official website of the protected areas of St. Petersburg: [www.oopt.spb.ru](http://www.oopt.spb.ru)

The second stage is practical, in the course of which the participants have to conduct an environmental rally at the chosen protected areas, in conjunction with "Directorate of specially protected natural territories of St. Petersburg". As the result of this stage, the participants should present a report on the event with attached photos of the process of the project's realization. For the second stage, the contestants must agree on all activities that will be carried out during the implementation of the environmental action with the Directorate of specially protected natural territories of St. Petersburg, sending a detailed plan of the action description by mail: [oopt.spb@gmail.com](mailto:oopt.spb@gmail.com) .

To choose the location of the environmental action, the participants can consult the staff of the Directorate of specially protected natural territories of St. Petersburg by the phone of the sector of environmental education: 242-33-78 (on working days from 10:00 to 17:00). Contact persons: Nadezhda Murashova, Tatiana Pavlova.

**5.1.2.2. Nomination "I live in St. Petersburg too!"** (photo contest dedicated to the inhabitants of the protected areas of St. Petersburg)

In this nomination, the participants of the contest should submit photos of wild animals living on the territory of St. Petersburg. The photo should show an animal belonging to the subtype of vertebrates. The photo of the animal must be made in the genre of "portrait" and match the slogan "I live in St. Petersburg too!" The works must be submitted to the contest on paper, as well as sent to the mail of the contest [konkurs@bellona.ru](mailto:konkurs@bellona.ru) in electronic form (min. 300 dpi). The work must be accompanied by a letter containing the contact details of the participant or his legal representative, the name of the animal species depicted in the photo, the place of shooting (the name of the park, protected area, address, etc.).

In this nomination, the works will be evaluated on a scale from 1 to 5 points on the following criteria:

- 1) the content of the work corresponds to the theme of the competition.
- 2) scientific reliability (the type of animal is determined by the contestant correctly).
- 3) the quality of the photo.

### **Projects can be presented in three age groups:**

- 1) younger pupils (up to 12 years);
- 2) senior pupils (over 12 years);
- 3) University students and students of professional educational institutions;

### **6. Evaluation criteria**

Evaluation of a work is based on the following criteria:

- 1) environmental significance of the result;
- 2) relevance of the problem for the area, country or region as a whole;
- 3) uniqueness of the experience and its value for dissemination;
- 4) scientific correctness;
- 5) quality of presentation;
- 6) involvement of the local population, authorities and local self-government, business and mass media in the solution of the problem.

### **7. Specifications**

Projects can be executed in Russian or English languages.

Internet projects should have links to relevant sites.

Additional materials (images, presentations, audio and video materials) can be presented.

### **8. Selection of the winners and awarding**

The winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) will be selected for each nomination. The jury has the right to additionally award some participants with special prizes. Announcement of the winners of the contest will be held on 2 December 2019, the International Pollution Prevention Day. The winners of the contest and participants awarded with special prizes are awarded with valuable prizes and diplomas. All participants who have completed the tasks of the two stages, but did not take prizes, receive a Certificate of the participant in electronic form. Lists of winners are published in the media – in "Ecology and law" magazine and on the [www.bellona.ru](http://www.bellona.ru) website.

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