

Competition for Artists and Writers to Develop Comic Strips on Social Issues

Europe Foundation (EPF) invites artists and writers to participate in the competition to create comics strips with a (super)hero/heroine on a social mission. Comics should convey values of free society and reflect sense of Georgian culture. The winning author/s will be granted a contract to develop the series of comics strips to be published by Europe Foundation.

About Europe Foundation

Europe Foundation's mission is to empower people to effect change for social justice and economic prosperity through hands-on programs, helping them to improve their communities and their own lives. To achieve its mission, EPF strives (1) to strengthen the capacity of individuals and institutions, empowering them to address pressing issues and (2) to mobilize relevant stakeholders in issue-based dialogue, through raising public awareness and creating various coalitions, platforms or working groups, so as to effect positive change.

EPF's work is guided by the following approaches: (1) creating opportunities for civic participation in public policy making, (2) engaging youth, (3) fostering culture of corporate and community philanthropy, including through formation of public-private-NGO partnerships, (4) promoting evidence-based advocacy and decision making, and (5) building confidence across religious, ethnic, and community divides. The Foundation's flagship programs feed into achieving the Foundation's mission and provide opportunities for Georgians to engage in social, economic, and political developments, in order to effect substantive and sustainable positive change at the local and national level.

Objective

To create comics strips with a (super)hero/heroine on a social mission. Major themes might include advancement of women in society, acting in the community, active citizenship, tackling social issues such as social stratification, unemployment, inequality, alcohol and drug addiction, media propaganda as well as public health, education, minority and environmental issues, etc. Apart from telling an imaginative tale, comic strips should include an underlying moral message.

Scope of Work

Applications are accepted from individual artists or a team of artist/s and writer/s. Suggested story line and images should allow readers to easily follow the plot, characters, time and setting. (Super)hero/heroine should face a real social issue. S/he should act as a role model to pave the way to social justice and motivate people to take actions against societal challenges.

Requirements for submission:

- Comics strips must be original and unpublished
- Comics strips must be made in color
- Artist/s may use any drawing technique serving to lay the story clearly
- At least 5 page comics strip and the full synopsis of the story should be presented
- The story should be in Georgian
- The target audience of the comic strips should be clearly defined
- A (super)hero/heroine should have distinctive characteristics that could be attributable to Europe Foundation's work.

Application package:

- five copies of comics strips submission
- portfolio of artwork or similar projects
- CV/s

Award

The winning author/s will be granted a contract to develop the series of comics strips to be published by Europe Foundation. The publication will clearly indicate the name/s of the author/s, however **Europe Foundation will reserve copyright on all characters and stories that will be selected for publishing.**

Deadline

Applications should be submitted by COB May 3, 2016 to Europe Foundation office.

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