

SISTER FRAMES

International Photography Contest

The **Sister Frames International Photography Contest** Organized by the Municipality of Karşıyaka aims to build a visual and cultural bridge among Karşıyaka's sister cities through the universal language of photography.

This international competition encourages original, ethical, and documentary-driven photographic works, while highlighting the natural, cultural, and social identities of cities from diverse perspectives.

Scope and Themes of the Competition

The competition is open to participants from Karşıyaka's national and international sister cities and is organized under **three main categories**:

1. **Green Breath of the City**
Photographs that represent the participant's city through themes of nature, environmental awareness, and sustainability.
2. **Story of a Plate**
Images that showcase local cuisine, culinary traditions, and the gastronomic identity of the city.
3. **City From Children's Eyes**
City views photographed by children aged 7–12, reflecting their unique perspective on their surroundings.

Each participant may submit **one photograph per category**, and all submitted works must be taken within the city represented by the participant.

Photographs submitted to this competition must be specific to the city and/or district in which the participant resides and/or applies, and should reflect and highlight the identity, cultural fabric, and distinctive character of that location.

The primary objective of the competition is to visually present the cultural richness of the cities and districts, share these values, and build a lasting cultural bridge between regions.

Evaluation Process

All submitted photographs will be evaluated by a **Selection Committee** consisting of **municipal representatives, academics, and professional artists** with expertise in their respective fields.

Evaluation criteria include:

- Originality
- Technical quality
- Composition and aesthetic strength
- Effectiveness in interpreting the competition theme

Awards

The following awards will be granted for each category:

- **First Prize**
 - Plaque
 - Competition catalog featuring selected works
 - Certificate of participation signed by the mayor
 - Karşıyaka commemorative sculpture
 - Tree planting in the winner's name
 - Educational support for a student, provided by **EÇEV (Education, Environment and Ethical Values Foundation)**.
- **Second Prize**
 - Competition catalog featuring selected works
 - Certificate of participation signed by the mayor
 - Karşıyaka commemorative sculpture
 - Tree planting in the winner's name
- **Third Prize**
 - Competition catalog featuring selected works
 - Certificate of participation signed by the mayor
 - Tree planting in the winner's name

Exhibition and Publication

Award-winning and selected photographs will be presented to the public through:

- Physical and digital exhibitions,
- The Municipality of Karşıyaka's digital and printed publications,
- Social media and promotional platforms,

For non-commercial purposes within the scope of cultural and artistic activities. The photographer's name will always be credited.

Announcement of Results

The competition results will be announced on **27 February 2026** via www.karsiyaka.bel.tr

****All participants applying to the competition are deemed to have read and accepted the technical specifications of the competition. To access the technical specifications:**