

## EUROPEAN WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2022 Special prize in Cooperation with *Rewilding Europe*

Call for photographers

### **Let's make Europe a wilder place!**

We are very pleased to announce a new collaboration with Rewilding Europe (RE). This partnership will see the launch of a special new prize, beginning this year: the *Rewilding Europe Award*.

We all dream of wild and pristine nature, of space for humans and wildlife, of biodiversity and conservation. We all want to reach people's hearts and minds, to raise awareness of our unique nature and to generate wonder and pride in its beauty and spectacle. We all want growing numbers of people to become involved in its preservation and restoration. This is exactly what this new partnership is about.

*Rewilding Europe* ([www.rewildingeurope.com](http://www.rewildingeurope.com)) wants to make Europe a wilder place, with much more space for wild nature, wildlife and natural processes. This will deliver a wide range of benefits to both nature and people. Rewilding Europe's aim is to showcase rewilding as an effective, practical and immediate way of realising nature recovery at landscape scale. As the initiative works to deliver wild nature across the continent, it inspires and enables others to engage in rewilding by providing tools and practical expertise.

The aim of the *GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year* (GDT EWPY) competition has always been to showcase the finest nature photography from Europe and around the world. This allows us to promote the idea of nature conservation through the work of some of the best wildlife photographers around.

Impactful, high quality nature photos are also a cornerstone of Rewilding Europe's communications. In this context, our cooperation offers an excellent opportunity to promote Europe's wild nature and engage a large and diverse audience.

The *Rewilding Europe Award* will be included in the GDT competition in the form of a special prize, with a focus on rewilding-related themes (see below). The images for this special prize will be selected this year by a jury consisting of representatives from *Rewilding Europe*, sourced from all the images submitted to GDT EWPY. From 2023, the prize will be offered as a special category of the GDT EWPY competition for an initial period of two years.

To be eligible for the special prize, images should relate to one or more of the diverse subject areas of rewilding. These include:

- Iconic wildlife species for rewilding, e.g. wolf, bear, ibex, salmon
- Animal-habitat interactions, e.g. the impact of large herbivores on the landscape
- Interaction between animal species, e.g. predator-prey relationships
- Examples of human-wildlife coexistence
- Measures for the protection and dispersal of wildlife, e.g. wildlife corridors or river restoration
- Large aggregations of animals, e.g. herds, packs or flocks
- Positive economic impacts of rewilding, e.g. nature-based tourism
- Positive impacts of rewilding on resource conservation and biodiversity

The winner of this special prize will receive a *Rewilding Europe* travel voucher worth a total of 1500 Euros to one of the areas where *Rewilding Europe* works with local partners.

Winning images will be furthermore presented in the competition exhibition (which travels across Germany and Europe for three years) and catalogue.