



***I live by the Sea* International Youth Contest (ages up to 18).**

The idea behind this project involves a worldwide contest for young persons up to the age of 18. The contest will be held in three age categories:

1. 5 to 12,
2. 13 to 15,
3. 16 to 18.

Participants are required to send a photo of “their sea” along with a short text. This way not only the photo is taken into consideration but also a relevant description of a region, a special feature of the place, an explanation of the depicted problem, etc.

This project is based on the previous experience of a three stage contest for young learners from Poland by the same title “*I live by the Sea*” (Pol. Mieszkam nad Morzem), co-organized by Today We Have in 2015 and 2016 (www.todaywehave.com). Just like in the previous national editions, this time our goal is to spread and share knowledge about marine environments and marine protection issues, as well as the exchange of information among users of different seas and marine oriented regions. Through their participation we hope to involve youth of different natural and cultural heritage to share their views on marine issues in a creative way.

All works submitted will be reviewed by a panel of International Judges. Then, a maximum of 30 photos and texts will be chosen to be printed and presented during the High-Level UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14, to be held in June 2017 in New York City, during which they will be presented in the United Nations Headquarters in New York City in a form of an exhibition.

Contest timeline

- Submission of works (1 photo and text) by 31 January 2017.
- Announcement of the results: May 2017.
- Exhibition at the United Nations in New York: 8 June 2017.