



Open Call

“MAKE IT HEARD 2023”

RADIO AND MUSIC STUDENT CONTEST

Students in Europe and beyond are encouraged to become actively involved in building a society of peace and fraternity by participating in this year’s *Radio and Music Student Contest “Make it Heard”* entitled *Youth for Peace*.

In this day and age, when many things we had taken for granted have been put to the test – health, work, access to education, financial stability, safety and above all world peace – young people across the planet are faced with the challenge of an ominous present but also with the need to take action towards creating a better future. Children, young boys and girls, will be required to live with the consequences of today’s animosity for much longer than adults will. By nurturing reconciliation today, the new generation paves the way for future peace. Youth’s participation in disagreement and conflict resolution – whether within their personal environment or across the wider social and international spectrum – will factor into their future survival and will help establish a lasting peace. Peace, in this sense, stems first and foremost from reconciliation with oneself and secondly from reconciliation with our broader social context and all the peoples of the world. Therefore, a primary life skill may be cultivated through students’ participation in this year’s Contest.

Students are invited to create radio messages up to 90 seconds and songs up to 3 minutes in their native language or in any international language. Entries must be submitted by **13 January 2023** to the European School Radio platform (<http://europeanschoolradio.eu/>). Each school may submit up to two (2) entries, both in one category or one entry per category. Up to three (3) prizes will be presented for each category and for each educational level, namely: Preschools, Elementary Schools, High Schools, Lyceums, Special Schools. Also, two (2) Audience Awards will be announced through online voting for each category of participation (radio message/song). Entries will be evaluated by judging committees made up of competent members and by participating schools.

All participating school units, regardless of the results, will receive a participation certificate and all radio messages and songs will be broadcasted on the European School Radio programme. School units will be able to present their song or radio message in the context of the 7th Panhellenic Student Radio Festival “European School Radio 2023”, scheduled to be hosted in the island of Zakynthos. The Award Ceremony will take place on Saturday 8 April 2023.

The contest is organised by the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute / Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, the Scientific Society European School Radio - The First Student Radio, the Educational Radio Television / Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, and the Greek National Centre of Audiovisual Media and Communication. All information about the contest is available on the website, <http://contest.europeanschoolradio.eu/>.