



# Open call for postage stamp design for the 8<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Mathematics – 8ECM

Between 5 and 11 July 2020, the 8th European Congress of Mathematics will take place at the Bernardin Congress Center in Portorož: one of the major scientific events in Slovenia next year. To celebrate this special occasion, we will publish a postage stamp with a mathematical theme in cooperation with Post of Slovenia.

## About the 8<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Mathematics – 8ECM

The European Congress of Mathematics is organized by the European Mathematical Society (EMS) every four years and is the second largest mathematical event in the world.

The organization of the congress was entrusted to University of Primorska, in collaboration with University of Ljubljana, University of Maribor, Institute of Mathematics, Physics and Mechanics (IMFM), Society of Mathematicians, Physicists and Astronomers (DMFA), The Slovenian Discrete and Applied Mathematics Society (SDAMS), and Abelium d.o.o.

Over 1500 researchers and doctoral students from across Europe and the globe are expected to attend 8ECM, along with many educational institutions, organizations, publishing houses and various companies searching for future co-workers or research cooperation.

## About the Open Call

The open call for 8ECM postage stamp design is intended for school children and high school students from primary and secondary schools from Slovenia and across Europe.

School children and high school students can participate with their contributions in three age categories:

- From 6 to 9 years;
- from 10 to 14 years;
- from 15 years upwards.

This open call is independent of the call for postage stamp design issued by Post of Slovenia, which is scheduled to be announced towards the end of September 2019.

The open call is published in Slovenian and English on the congress website - [www.8ecm.si](http://www.8ecm.si).



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## Aim of the competition

The aim of this competition is to highlight the visibility of 8ECM, especially among the young community outside mathematics.

The purpose is to popularize mathematics in elementary and secondary schools and to encourage students to take an active role as ambassadors of this important event.

## Instructions for submitting

All projects should be submitted in PDF format, size A4, including a short description in Slovene or English (maximum 100 words).

The deadline for submitting all projects is **September 15, 2019**. Please send your projects to [8ecm2020-stamps@famnit.upr.si](mailto:8ecm2020-stamps@famnit.upr.si), including a signed, stamped and scanned application form(PDF/DOCX). The signed and scanned parent consent form(PDF/DOCX) should be submitted for children under the age of 18.

Only projects which are submitted on time and with all completed forms will be considered for the competition.

## Announcing and awarding the best projects

All projects will be reviewed by a special committee, appointed by the 8ECM Organizing Committee for this open call.

The best projects will be published and publically announced at the 8<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Mathematics. Winners will receive a framed official 8ECM stamp.

We look forward to cooperation with all teachers and schools who participate in this open call.

We especially look forward to receiving all the projects sent by the students!

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