HISPAFEST 2027 VIDEO COMPETITION FOR GÜMNAASIUM STUDENTS

HispaFest 2027

HispaFest is the Spanish school festival in Estonia, an annual celebration that promotes creativity, learning, and student participation. The second edition, HispaFest 2027, will take place on 19 March 2027 at the National Library of Tallinn. The festival includes workshops, musical performances, gastronomic activities, and a Spanish-language video competition aimed at schools in Estonia.

HispaFest 2027 includes a **Spanish-language video competition** as part of the festival programme. **Participation in the video competition is not mandatory in order to attend the festival.** The competition is aimed at **gümnaasium students (Grades 10, 11 and 12)**.

The total number of participating students from each gümnaasium will depend each year on the number of schools registered. Students who do not submit a video may also attend the festival.

Attendance will be coordinated through the **contact person designated** by each gümnaasium following registration on the official platform: **hispafest.ee**

Competition rules for Gümnaasium (Grades 10,11 and 12)

Competition Theme: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Goal 4: Quality Education

The HispaFest Organisation announces a **video competition** for students of Spanish from all secondary schools in **Harjumaa** and **Tartumaa**, to be held on 19 March 2027 at the **National Library of Tallinn**. **HispaFest 2027** will be held **in person**.

It should be noted that participation in the competition is not required in order to attend the festival. Schools and students may attend the event without submitting a video.

The objectives of this video competition are:

- To use the study of Spanish to promote global principles and values among secondary-school students and encourage general interest in Spanish language.
- To expand and deepen Estonian students' knowledge of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** of the United Nations Development Programme, particularly **SDG 4: Quality Education**.
- To increase students' awareness of the importance of achieving quality education, providing them with an opportunity for reflection.

- To establish a cross-curricular collaborative framework within the humanities in secondary education, combining socially relevant issues, new technologies, and the practical use of Spanish as the language of communication.
- To promote the learning and dissemination of Spanish on social media through videos created by students.
- To contribute to the development of students' creativity, conceptual and methodological rigor, and communication and learning strategies.
- To encourage teamwork and inclusion.

Video Competition Rules

The organization reserves the right not to accept entries that do not comply with these rules. Participation in the competition implies acceptance of all competition rules.

Student Participation

- All gümnaasium students studying Spanish as a foreign language during the **2026–2027 academic year** at schools in Harjumaa and Tartumaa may participate.
- The awards ceremony will take place **in person on 19 March 2027** at the National Library of Tallinn.
- Each school may submit **one video only**.
- Each video must be supervised by a teacher from the school.
- Each video must have the authorization of the educational institution to be accepted into the competition.
- Videos created using **Artificial Intelligence** will not be accepted.
- The school will ensure that, in the case of minors, students have written and signed parental consent both to appear in the video and for the possible reproduction, distribution and public communication of the work, which may be shown on the internet and in any media when deemed appropriate by the organising bodies. Similarly, students of legal age must sign their consent for these same purposes.

General characteristics of the video competition

- The theme of the 2027 Festival video competition will be **Sustainable Development Goal No. 4: 'Quality Education'**.
- Any music used must be original and royalty-free. Otherwise, authorization documents from the author or copyright holder must be submitted. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the work being rejected.
- The use of excerpts from commercial audiovisual works is prohibited.
- Videos containing offensive, unlawful, or inappropriate content will not be accepted, including any form of intolerance, insults, discrimination, prejudice, or stereotypes that may offend individuals or groups.

Technical Requirements

- Videos may be created using any device (mobile phone, video camera, photo camera, tablet, computer, etc.).
- Accepted formats: AVI, WMV, FLV, MPEG and MOV. MP4 or MOV are recommended.
- Recommended technical specifications:

    - Resolution: 1280 × 720
    - Codec: H.264
    - Frame rate: 25 fps
    - Audio: PCM Stereo 48 KHz, 16 bit
- Maximum file size: 2 GB.

Language and Duration

- Videos must be produced entirely in Spanish.
- Videos must have a maximum duration of 3 minutes, excluding credits.
- Failure to comply with these requirements will result in rejection of the submission.

Authorship

- Videos must be original works written and performed by students.
- Non-original submissions will be disqualified.
- The video may have a maximum of four student authors, although any number of students may participate in the video.
- The video must be directed by a teacher from the educational institution.
- The jury may carry out any checks deemed necessary to verify originality.
- The closing credits must clearly state:
    - Full names of the student authors;
    - Name of the supervising teacher;
    - Grade(s) of the participating students;
    - Name of the school;
    - Location of the school.

Ownership of Submitted Works

- The educational institutions shall retain ownership of the submitted videos, while granting the HispaFest organisers and collaborating institutions the rights to reproduce, distribute and publicly communicate the works, including publication on the Internet and other media where deemed appropriate.

Evaluation Criteria

- Videos will be assessed by a jury appointed by HispaFest, whose decision will be final.
- The jury will evaluate and select finalists and winners according to the following criteria:
- Originality of the script: (maximum10 points)
- Approach to the theme: (maximum10 points)

- Spanish-language proficiency: (maximum10 points)
  - Clear and understandable pronunciation
  - Variety and appropriateness of vocabulary
  - Correct use of basic grammatical structures
- Creativity: (maximum10 points)
- Technical quality (editing, effects, sound, music): (maximum 5 points)

Winners will be announced on **19 March 2027, both in person at the National Library of Tallinn and on the festival's digital platform.**

Jury and selection process

The jury will consist of the following members:

Chair

- Ambassador of Spain to Estonia, or a delegated representative.

Members

- Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Spain, or a delegated representative.
- Education Counsellor of the Embassy, or a delegated representative.
- Education Adviser, or a delegated representative.
- A representative of the partner universities of Alcalá de Henares, Alicante, and Santiago de Compostela, or a delegated representative.

The jury may consult experts when necessary to evaluate the technical aspects of the submitted videos.

Awards

HispaFest offers **three main awards**.

The winning teams for each award will receive **a scholarship (three scholarships in total)** for a **one-week academic stay** at one of the partner universities:

- University of Alcalá
- University of Alicante
- University of Santiago de Compostela

The scholarship includes **accommodation and meals**, but **airfare is not included**.

Each team may consist of a maximum of **four students**, representing their school.

- **Awards**
  - **Rosalía de Castro Award** (University of Santiago de Compostela): awarded to the video receiving the highest overall score.
  - **Javier Marías Award** (University of Alcalá): awarded to the most original video according to the jury.

- **José Martínez Ruiz Award** (University of Alicante): awarded to a video considered especially deserving of recognition for reasons determined by the jury, with justification provided.
- The competition also includes a **Nominee Category**. Schools obtaining nominee status may become eligible for a scholarship if one of the winning schools is ultimately unable to make use of it.

Registration

- Registration is free of charge.
- **Registration of the educational institution for HispaFest 2027 automatically grants eligibility to participate in the video competition.**
- School registration is already open and will close on **1 March 2027**.
- Registration must be completed through the official HispaFest digital platform.

Submission and Acceptance of Videos

- The submission deadline for videos is **1 March 2027**.
- Videos must be submitted through the **HispaFest.ee digital platform**.
- Any work that violates the fundamental rights and values of individuals or countries will not be accepted.
- Schools must provide a direct link to the video stored in a cloud service (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox, Vimeo) with access permissions that do not require registration or a password.
- Videos may not be published or distributed on social media or any other publicly accessible medium before the organizers publish them on the festival website after verifying compliance with all requirements.
- Failure to comply with these requirements will result in rejection of the video.

Acceptance of the Rules

- Registration for the competition implies acceptance of these rules, the transfer of the submitted works under the terms described above, and authorisation for the use of participants' image rights for the promotion, dissemination and publicity of the competition, its events and the submitted works.
- Failure to comply with any of these rules will result in the rejection of the submitted video.
- The HispaFest organization reserves the right to modify or cancel the competition at any time if circumstances require it. Any modifications or cancellation will be communicated through the platform and social media channels.

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