

Press Release

Launch of the International Photography Competition “Focus on Europe’s Places of Peace”

Eilenburg, Saxony, Germany, May 12, 2026: This year, the small global town of Eilenburg celebrates a remarkable historical anniversary. It marks the **380th anniversary** of the signing of the Peace of Eilenburg. To commemorate this occasion, an international photography competition has also been launched.

With around 200 sites of peace across Europe, peace treaties represent a significant historical experience in permanently resolving and pacifying conflicts.

The Facts

- How long can photos be submitted online: **until July 6, 2026, 12:00 PM**
- Where: <https://www.tgv-eilenburg.de/aktuelles/photo-competition/#content>
- 1st Prize: €400; 2nd Prize: €300; 3rd Prize: €200; three high-quality book prizes
- Participation Fee: 10,00 Euro
- three categories: Portrait, Place of Peace, and Open Theme: Peace Treaty
- **Prize winners and finalists will receive a certificate and will be featured in the exhibition at St. Nikolai during the 4th Art Week at the end of August, as well as online at www.kunstwoche-eilenburg.de.**

An interactive map points to the peace sites and displays, in an anonymized manner, each specific site for which photographic works have been submitted.

The aim of the competition is to draw photographic attention to places of peace in Europe, their potential and their diversity.

Eilenburg – City of Peace

Only in recent times (prior to 2018) was it established that the treaty concluded in Eilenburg on April 4, 1646, between the Kingdom of Sweden and the Electorate of Saxony, and backdated to March 31, 1646, **was issued for an indefinite term**. Consequently, it represents not merely an extension of the Truce of Kötzschbroda, which marked the inception of this significant peace process, but rather a distinct peace treaty in its own right, paving the way for the Peace of Westphalia. This anniversary year places the **Peace of Eilenburg (1646)** in a special historical and touristic spotlight, thereby honoring its significance far beyond the confines of this small town.

In addition to the Tourism and Trade Association Eilenburg e. V., the photo competition is supported by the **Cultural Foundation of the Free State of Saxony**; the publishers **Schirmer/Mosel Verlag GmbH (Munich)** and **Emons Verlag GmbH (Cologne)**; and **Places of Peace from Portugal**.

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