

Caldas da Saúde, October 20th, 2023

Esteemed Director, Green salutations,

As Pedagogical Director of OFICINA - INA's Professional School (<u>www.oficina.pt</u>), it is my pleasure to announce the 13th edition of Bgreen // ecological film festival.

Bgreen // ecological film festival is a grand international project which has already had the participation of 31 countries throughout its twelve editions.

Bgreen festival consists in the production of video spots, created by students aged 13 to 21 on ecological related issues.

"What goes around comes around" is this edition's slogan.

It is Bgreen's intention to create awareness regarding the importance of Man's action in nature and its positive or negative impact. "*What goes around comes around*" aims at, on the one hand, highlight Man's negative behavior in the management of natural resources and the relationship with the Planet, but, on the other hand, also bring hope associated with the adoption of positive and innovative behaviors that may prove to be solutions for the ecological challenges we face nowadays.

In connection to this slogan we suggest the following subthemes that, among many others, are some ideas for this year's spots: Management of natural resources: water, soils, fossil fuels, rainforests, among others. forced migration due to natural phenomena, climate crisis, energy transition, sustainable cities/communities, environmental education and integral ecology.

As in previous editions, this year we have two categories:

- **BGREEN JUNIOR** for students aged 13 and 14 years old (in Portugal, students attending the 8th and 9th grade or equivalent)
- BGREEN for youngsters aged between 15 and 21 years old (Secondary or vocational studies)





To you, esteemed director, we ask that you share this information with your teachers so that they are able to encourage their students to rise to the challenge. In a time when we are faced with so much tribulation, we consider BGREEN to remain a way of stimulating hope and resilience in younger people.

We await, with joy and expectation, your students' video spots until the 19th of April, 2024.

The press kit with more detailed information on the festival will soon be sent via email.

To learn more about previous editions, please visit our website at www.bgreenfestival.com.

Best regards

The Pedagogical Director

