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## Press release

*epea02: The Show Was a Great Success*

***Banca del Monte di Lucca Foundation announces that it will be part of round epea03***

The second edition of the European Photo Exhibition Award - epea02 the prestigious photography exhibition promoted by the **Fondazione Banca del Monte di Lucca** (Italy), the **Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian** (Portugal), **Institusjonen Fritt Ord** (Norway) and the **Körber-Stiftung** (Germany) closed with great success.

In the course of 30 days more than **3,000 visitors** came to the Foundation's Exhibition Centre. They appreciated the photographs' originality and approach to get involved in the theme of "**The New Social**" which was proposed by twelve young photographers.

Based on this success, the Foundation confirms that it will be part of the next edition, scheduled for 2016.

The next edition promises to be full of novelty, just like the Italian contest for young photographers aged between 18 and 39 years: the **LEICA Photolux AWARD 2014** is sponsored by **Photolux Festival** and the **Banca del Monte di Lucca Foundation**, with the fundamental support of **Leica Camera Italy**, the official sponsor of the initiative. To be able to participate in the Leica Photolux Award young photographers must submit 8 pictures that are part of a photographic project and are narratively coherent. The photos will be uploaded on the website <http://leica.photoluxfestival.it/> (not later than 17 November 2014). Photolux will select 10 finalists and then proclaim the winner, whose name will be announced on December 20, 2014.

The winner will be one of the 3 participants chosen by the Banca del Monte di Lucca Foundation in the next edition of epea. As to all the photographers selected for **epea03**, the winner will be awarded with a grant to develop a photographic project in line with the theme of the new edition, which will refer to aspects that characterize Europe on social, political, cultural, national and international issues.

Some of the Photolux finalists and winners of the previous editions, aided by the visibility obtained through the contest, have subsequently achieved important successes nationally and internationally, such as Casino and Gianluca Marco Panella, winners of the World Press Photo 2014. The same applies to the participants of epea, who are continuing to be successful at an international level.

For epea03 again 12 photographers will be selected and as in the past the works will be presented in a wandering tour through Europe. A unique accompanying catalogue will be published.

For more info:

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