



BILBAO BLUES

Festival

CONDITIONS TO APPLY TO BE THE SPANISH CANDIDATES OF THE EUROPEAN BLUES CHALLENGE

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

A) Pueden participar todas las formaciones de blues. El número máximo de comA) All blues bands can participate. The maximum number of members is limited to between 1 and 7 people.

B) Nationality: 50% of the members of each group aspiring to participate in the EBC (European Blues Challenge) must be of Spanish nationality and reside in Spain.

C) It is essential to provide the name of the musical group that is applying to compete in the Challenge, as well as the names and surnames of all the musicians that make up the group, detailing the instrument they play, which must be the same as those who will perform in the edition for which they have applied.

D) The musical groups chosen in previous years to participate in the EBC will not be able to present themselves as candidates again until 2 editions of the EBC have been held (for example, if they participate in 2022, the next possibility would be in 2025), except for those that have won the first prize, which will not be able to present themselves again.

E) In order to disseminate their music in Europe, the selected band will be required to provide a recorded song to be used for promotional purposes by the organisers and the European Blues Union, which must be submitted, together with all other documentation required by the EBU, by 31 October of the current year.

F) If the selected band competes in the EBC, they agree in advance to give their consent for audio and video recordings of their performance to be recorded by the European Blues Union for promotional purposes only.

G) The submitted bands must guarantee that they have been a stable line-up for at least one year and that they have released one album (in digital or CD format) or more.

H) The four selected bands will participate in the grand final on July 25th in Bilbao. Each of the bands will offer a 30' performance where a jury (to be determined) will decide which band will represent Spain at the European Blues Challenge 2025 in Split (Croatia).

I) Each of the four bands selected to participate in the final in Bilbao is entitled to backline, PA, and to submit an invoice of 1000 € + VAT.

J) The members of the band chosen to represent Spain must commit to their participation in the European Blues Challenge and will have their expenses covered up to a maximum of 5000 € (depending on the number of members).

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NOTE 1:

The European Blues Challenge is a European competition organised by the European Blues Union. The participating European bands do not receive any financial compensation and the fact that they get to perform for free at the Challenge is in exchange for the chance to make themselves known to festival programmers and to get exposure in the European media. Each group's performance will be 20 minutes maximum. The EBU does not provide passes or invitations for accompanying persons. The artists will use the backline provided by the organisation (amplifiers, keyboards, drums, etc.) and the sound and light equipment with the technicians hired (it will not be possible to bring your own technicians).

IMPORTANT

This form must be completed and sent by email to challenge@societatbluesbarcelona.org between 13 May 2024 and 9 June 2024. Proposals that do not comply with the Essential Requirements of the Competition Rules and those that do not send all the Necessary Information Material or send it after the deadline will not be considered valid.

The bands that have provided all the necessary information material and meet the essential requirements of the competition rules will be publicly listed on the website of the European Blues Union (in the Spanish section) and the members of the Board of Advisors will be able to vote for them between the dates set for this purpose. From June 22nd onwards, the names of the four selected bands will be made public and will participate in the grand final on July 25th in Bilbao, from which the following band will be chosen.

INFORMATION MATERIAL REQUIRED

The following information material is required for the evaluation of the candidate groups:

- A)** Name of the group applying for the Challenge, as well as the names and surnames of all the musicians in the group, detailing the instrument they play.
- B)** A low resolution photo of 4 x 6 cm approx. with the name of the group.
- C)** An abbreviated CV in Spanish to be displayed on the EBU website, of about 50 words maximum.
- D)** A web address or other internet site where further information about the band can be found.
- E)** A youtube address or other internet site where a live video performance of the band can be seen, preferably of a quality to be evaluated by the Board of Advisors.
- F)** A contact telephone number to be used only to be able to contact the musical group in case it is chosen.
- G)** OPTIONAL: A technical sheet or rider of the group in PDF format, detailing the stage plan and the desired technical requirements.

The documentation detailed in sections A, B, C, D, E, F and G will be handed in by filling in a Registration Form that can be downloaded at:

Inscription sheet