

FULL CONTACT 2025

SCAN TARRAGONA
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OPEN CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR THE 8TH FULL CONTACT PORTFOLIO REVIEW AND FULL CONTACT AWARD

An event for emerging artists who view photography as an essential and preferred means of expression.

SCAN Tarragona, the international photography festival organised by the Tarragona City Council, is once again presenting FULL CONTACT, an event that aims to support emerging artists who consider photography to be an essential and preferred means of expression and to offer them a professional meeting point where they can connect with stakeholders from the art world.

What is FULL CONTACT?

It's a professional event, and, at the same time, an innovative vision of the portfolio. It's a forum that's both practical and a place to build connections in which the group of selected emerging artists can present their photographic projects to professionals from the world of photography and the visual arts (the 'followers'). All the artists who take part in Full Contact can receive feedback on their work, expand their network of contacts and possibly launch joint projects with other artists or stakeholders from the art world.

What makes Full Contact unique?

1. FULL CONTACT offers an ideal opportunity to showcase your portfolio and promote your work to the renowned representatives of the art world SCAN invites to the event.
2. FULL CONTACT offers a forum with a pleasant, friendly and informal atmosphere that promotes trust and foments personal relationships between artists and 'followers'. No time limit is set for sharing your work and you will be able to engage with all the 'followers'.
3. SCAN is a festival for the general public that provides a forum for up-and-coming artists to present their work. Participating artists do not pay a registration or entry fee.
4. If your project is selected, you'll be eligible for the FULL CONTACT 2025 Award.

FULL CONTACT Award

- From all artists selected to participate in FULL CONTACT, a qualified jury appointed by SCAN will select one artist as the winner of the FULL CONTACT 2025 Award.
- The prize consists of a solo exhibition in 2026 as part of the official SCAN programme.
- The selected artist will receive €900 (including tax) for the exhibition and communication rights to their work.
- The artist will also receive advice and support from SCAN in accordance with the technical and financial means available to the festival to hold the exhibition.
- In order for Tarragona City Council to make the payment, each artist must present the documentation required by the SCAN organisation.
- All invoicing procedures will be carried out in accordance with the legislation applicable to Spanish administrations.

Deadline for submission of projects

May 5, 2025 at 11:59 pm

FULL CONTACT dates

October 11, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Teatret del Port in the El Serrallo district of Tarragona.

Who can apply to take part in FULL CONTACT?

Persons of legal age who are residents of any country of the European Union or the United Kingdom.

What kinds of projects can be submitted?

The festival's aim is to promote visual storytelling among emerging artists. With this in mind, any photo series that tells a story may be submitted.

The series can be on any subject.

How many winning projects will there be?

The jury will select the 15 best projects. The creators of these projects will be invited to participate in the 8th Full Contact.

[Link to 2024 participating artists.](#)

Who is on the jury that selects the projects?

The jury will consist of **Sema D'Acosta** (independent curator) and **Sonia Berger** (founder and director of Dalpine). Their decision will be final.

About the 'followers' (stakeholders from the art world who will take part as 'followers')

Some 20 stakeholders from the art world will participate, including independent curators, the management of other photography festivals, publishers and gallerists. Their names will be announced in July on the festival website.

[Link to 2024 participants.](#)

How do you submit a project? Registration form

Projects should be submitted with [the entry form](#).

The registration form must contain the following information:

1. Personal contact details
2. A brief biography
3. The title of the project
4. A brief explanation of the project (300 words)
5. A .zip file (max. 30 MB) with a maximum of 16 photographs from the same series. The digital photographs must be a minimum of 2,000 pixels on the shortest side and be in .jpg format. Artists may include a PDF with complementary information to facilitate the jury's understanding of the project.

Projects in Catalan, Spanish and English will be accepted.

What will the artists selected receive?

An invitation to participate in the FULL CONTACT as an invited artist. Lunch included.

An individual table at FULL CONTACT to present the project to art world stakeholders.

Promotion and exposure of the projects and the artists on the website scan.cat.

Invitation to the inaugural events for the SCAN Tarragona Festival, to be held on 10 October 2025 in Tinglado 2 of the Port of Tarragona.

Copyright and communication rights

The rights of the exhibited works belong to their creators, who will temporarily cede the rights of public communication to SCAN for the purpose of promoting the event through any official festival channel or via the press.

Obligations of participants

Artists who agree to participate in FULL CONTACT make a de facto commitment to attend the event in person on the announced day.

Final considerations

SCAN will resolve all matters not provided for in these rules. Its decisions are final. All applicants are obliged to accept these rules in order to participate in FULL CONTACT.

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