

# TALENT LATENT 2026

**SCAN TARRAGONA**  
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL  
OF PHOTOGRAPHY

# TALENT LATENT 2026 RULES

SCAN, the international photography festival organised by the Tarragona City Council, has opened the call for entries for Talent Latent, aimed at creators from all over the world who use photography as an essential and preferred means of expression. Projects and artists selected in this year's call for entries will take part in the Talent Latent exhibition to be held at Tinglado 2 at the Port of Tarragona from 16 October to 29 November 2026.

## **Theme of projects: METAMORPHOSIS**

Published in 1915 in the midst of a profound crisis, Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* has become a lasting metaphor for reflecting on the transformations that shape our contemporary world. Metamorphosis is not a mere change in appearance but a profound process through which one reality becomes another.

Today, in a world marked by alienation, dehumanisation and a crisis of values, structures that once seemed solid become liquid, mutable, or on the verge of disappearing. Identities, territories, forms of work, personal relationships and ecosystems are constantly being redefined, giving rise to new ways of inhabiting the world.

In this context, photography has also undergone its own metamorphosis: from an imprint of light linked to capturing a single moment, to a hybridised, digital, and algorithmic construct open to multiple forms and meanings.

The exhibition invites emerging photographers to explore the metamorphic condition of the present, addressing transformations affecting individuals, communities, and environments through analogue, digital, and expanded practices, and proposing new perspectives to help us understand the times we live in.

# TALENT LATENT RULES

## **Deadline for submission**

11.59 pm, 12 April 2026.

## **Who can take part**

Artists and collectives aged 18 or over, of any nationality.

## **Theme of projects**

Metamorphosis.

## **What kind of project can be presented**

Primarily photographic projects. Projects or series in which photography is hybridised with other creative languages are also accepted.

## **How to submit your project: entry form**

Entries must be submitted using the entry form available on the festival's website.

The form must contain:

1. Personal contact details
2. A brief biography
3. Title of the project or photographic series
4. A brief explanation (250 words)
5. A zip file (max. 30 MB) with a maximum of 20 photographs from the same series. The digital photographs must be a minimum of 1,300 pixels on the shortest side, in .jpg format and with an embedded RGB colour profile. Artists may include a PDF with complementary information to facilitate the jury's understanding of the project.

Projects will be accepted in Catalan, Spanish or English.

## **Participation costs**

There is no fee to submit a project.

### **The jury and selection process**

The curatorial team of the SCAN Tarragona Festival will select the projects and artists that will make up the 2026 Talent Latent exhibition. Their decision will be final and may not be appealed.

In addition to aesthetic merit, the jury will evaluate the conceptual integrity of the project, the level of knowledge the author demonstrates on the subject, and the author's willingness to reflect critically.

### **When will selected artists be informed of the jury's decision**

The festival organisers will contact the selected authors. The final list of artists participating in Talent Latent will be published on the SCAN festival website at the end of May 2026.

### **Reproduction of works for the Talent Latent exhibition**

SCAN will make photographic prints in a trusted professional lab.

SCAN will ask the selected authors to provide the originals of their photographs in order to make copies. These must be in digital format and of the highest possible quality.

Decisions regarding the reproduction of prints, their number, size, finish, and use in the exhibition spaces will be made by SCAN's curatorial team in agreement with the artists.

\*Once the exhibition is over, if the artist has not informed SCAN of their wish to have any copies made returned to them, the copies will be destroyed. If the artist wishes to have the copies returned to them, the cost of collecting and shipping the works will be borne by the artist.

### **Exhibition catalogue**

The organisation will publish the exhibition catalogue.

### **Payment for participating artists**

For each photographic series exhibited at Talent Latent, the author or individual responsible for joint projects will receive a one-time payment of €500, including taxes, for copyright and exhibition fees.

Artists must submit an invoice including the details provided by SCAN so the Tarragona City Council can make payment. Invoicing procedures must be carried out in accordance with the regulations to which the local authorities are subject.

## **Benefits and obligations of selected artists**

SCAN will invite the artists participating to attend the festival's opening.

The invitation will include:

- 1 night's accommodation in the festival hotel, breakfast included
- Admission for the catered opening event (16 October 2026).
- Admission to Full Contact professional meeting (17 October 2026).
- Lunch at the Full Contact premises (17 October 2026).

The selected works and artists will be given visibility and promoted through the festival's digital channels (SCAN website and social networks).

A Talent Latent catalogue will be published.

Artists will receive the corresponding copyright and exhibition fees.

\*Travel expenses will be borne by participants.

## **Copyright and communication rights**

By making a submission to the call for entries, participants affirm they are the holders of the intellectual property rights to the works presented and that such works do not infringe upon the rights of third parties.

Participants grant SCAN the rights of reproduction, dissemination, and public communication of the exhibited works for the purpose of putting on the exhibition, preparing promotional and archival materials, publishing the catalogue, and promoting the works through the media and any official channel of SCAN or the Tarragona City Council.

SCAN Tarragona endeavours to recognise the moral rights of the artists over their works at all times and to duly accredit authorship in any use made thereof.

Individuals or groups taking part in the 2026 Talent Latent exhibition will receive their respective fees in accordance with "Payment for participating artists".

These rights are granted solely for the year 2026.

**Talent Latent venue and dates**

Location: Tinglado 2 of the Port of Tarragona

Opening date: 16 October 2026

Exhibition dates: 16 October to 29 November 2026

**Note**

SCAN will resolve any matter not addressed in these rules. Its decisions will be final.

All artists who apply to take part in the Talent Latent call for entries must accept these rules.

# SCAN TARRAGONA INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL