



31st International music festival FeNS
26th to 29th June 2026
Koper, Slovenia



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Applications Submission Deadline: April 14, 2026

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APPLICATION CONDITIONS

The 31st International music festival FeNS will take place from 26th to 29th June 2026 in Koper, Slovenia, and will be divided into 3 age groups and 2 categories:

AGE GROUPS (adapted also according to accepted participants):

- Children FeNS: group A1 and A2: up to 9 years and 9-11 years old * **group A** from 9-11 years
- Teenagers FeNS group B1 and B2: 11-13 years and 13-15 years * **group B** 11-15 years
- New scene FeNS group C1 and C2: 15-18 years and 18-29 years * **group C** from 15 years on

CATEGORIES:

- Author songs
- World hit (cover) songs

Each participant/author may submit more multiple songs, in one or both more categories.

AUTHOR SONGS REQUIREMENTS: Songs must be original and unpublished. Songs must not have been previously performed in a competition or broadcast on Slovenian media (internet, radio or television). Songs should be modern and hit-oriented.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each application must include the following:

1. COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION FORM

The application form is part of this document and you can download it from: www.festivalfens.si.

2. FINAL AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THE SONG

Please submit your final audio recordings in both MP3 and WAV format(.

Master version: Include the full song with all lead and backing vocals.

Playback with backing vocals only: Provide a version of the song with only backing vocals (no lead vocals).

Playback with music only: Include a version of the song with only instrumental music (no vocals).

***Important note:** Maximum song length: 3 minutes. For cover songs, the maximum duration is 3 minutes and 30 seconds.*

3. VIDEO RECORDING OF PARTICIPANTS'S LIVE PERFORMANCE

- **Video format:** Horizontal video frame!
- **Content:** The video clip should show the participant performing the entire song live, without interruptions, and in a single shot (a home recording and not a public performance).

4. PARTICIPANT SELF-PRESENTATION VIDEO

- **Duration:** Maximum 20-30 seconds
- **Video format:** Horizontal video frame!
- **Content:** Introduce yourself: tell us your name, hometown, future aspirations, reasons for applying to the FeNS Festival, what you expect ... BE CREATIVE, DIFFERENT, EXPRESS YOUR PERSONALITY! 😊

***Important note:** Please ensure your video meets the specified duration and format requirements. Pay attention to image quality and clarity of speech. Videos that are improperly formatted, too short, or too long will not be accepted. Your video may be used for various promotional purposes, including on-site screenings, YouTube, Facebook, and television broadcasts.*

5. MUSIC VIDEO FOR THE SONG

- **Video format:** Horizontal video frame!
- **Submission deadline:** please submit your music video within 30 days of receiving your classification notification. Deadline date is **1st June 2026**.
- **Video usage:** The best music videos will be showcased at the festival event, on the festival communication channels (webpage, YouTube channel, Facebook, Instagram) and on other media channels.
- **File size limit:** Please ensure your video file does not exceed **500 MB**.

Important note: Videos that do not meet the specified format or submission deadline will not be considered.

6. OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS

Please submit the following materials **in a single email or file transfer**:

- Song lyrics
- Participant's short CV (maximum 1,000 characters)
- Recent photo portrait (JPG format)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Please submit all required materials and a scanned copy of the completed and fully signed entry form to e-mail info@agencijaplahutnik.com
- If applying to multiple categories send separate e-mails for each category you are applying to.

Important note: Your application will only be considered valid if all sections of the form are fully completed and all required materials are submitted. Please note that submitted materials will not be returned.

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PARTICIPANT SELECTION AND EVALUATION

Selection jury by listening to the interpretation from the video recording of participants performing their entire song live (see requirement 3) will propose a selection of performers.

Master jury will evaluate the participant interpretation on the final audio recordings.

Based on both jury evaluations the festival artistic director will make **the final decision on performers selection and performance order** on live events.

Live jury (at the live event): will evaluate live interpretation of the participants.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Certificates of achievement: Awarded to all participants who successfully place and perform at the festival.

Awards for best author song interpretes to the first, second, and third-place winners in all age categories A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2).

Awards for best cover song interpretes to the first, second, and third-place winners age groups A, B, C.

Awards for best song lyrics: Recognizes the most outstanding original song lyrics.

Awards for best stage performance.

Awards for best self-presentation video.

Awards for best music video for the song.

GRAND PRIX: highest award of the festival (interpretation, music, lyrics, video presentation, music video).

International festival invitations: special invitations to participate at international festivals.

ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS

The organizer of the FeNS Festival retains the exclusive rights to publish, edit, and use the selected songs on radio, television, YouTube, CD, or any other media, without any territorial limitations.

APPLICATION FEE

There is **NO FEE TO APPLY TO** the festival. Application fee **applies for the songs that are SELECTED for competition**:

- **Author (original) songs:** fee is 140 EUR for each author song.
- **World hit (cover) songs:** fee is 180 EUR for each world hit song.
- **For two songs** (one author, one world hit) fee is 250 EUR.

Fee purpose: the registration fee covers organizational and production costs associated with the festival. Grand Prix FeNS recipients do not pay the fee.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

Accommodation and transfers: Participants arrange accommodation on their own or coordinate with the organizer. Participants arrange and cover the costs of their own transportation to the festival. Please inform the organizer one week before the festival of the location and duration of stay and number of persons.





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APPLICATION FORM 1 – AUTHOR SONG

SONG TITLE (original):

SONG TITLE (English translation):

SONG DURATION (max. 3 minutes):

PARTICIPANT

First name and surname:

Date and year of birth:

Address – street and house number:

Postal code, city, country:

Phone / E-mail:

[Handwritten signature required]

MENTOR

First name and surname:

Phone / E-mail:

[Handwritten signature required]

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (FOR PARTICIPANTS YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OLD)

First name and surname:

Phone / E-mail:

[Handwritten signature required]

PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT STATEMENT:

By signing this entry form I give my consent for my child to participate in the FeNS Festival 2026 and agree to abide by the festival's rules and regulations. I also grant permission for photographs, video and audio recordings of my child to for promotional purposes and public media.

COMPOSER

First name and surname:

[Handwritten signature required]

LYRICIST

First name and surname:

[Handwritten signature required]

PRODUCER / ARRANGER

First name and surname:

[Handwritten signature required]

COPYRIGHT STATEMENT FOR SONG AUTHORS (ALL AUTHORS INCLUDED)

By signing this entry form, I grant the festival organizer the following rights: To broadcast the festival or authorize others to do so. • To produce and distribute audio and video materials that include my song. • To use the materials I have submitted for promotional purposes. • I hereby confirm that I agree to the terms and conditions of the 31st International Festival FeNS 2026 and that all information provided in the entry form is accurate and true.



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APPLICATION 2 – WORLD HIT (COVER) SONG

SONG TITLE (original):	
SONG TITLE (English translation):	
SONG DURATION (max. 3 minutes):	
PARTICIPANT	
First name and surname:	
Date and year of birth:	
Address – street and house number:	
Postal code, city, country:	
Phone / E-mail:	
[Handwritten signature required]	
MENTOR	
First name and surname:	
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