



CIC nanoGUNE and Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC) propose a comic and science challenge for youngsters from 12 to 18 years of age. Within the framework of the nanoKOMIK project launched by both centres in 2016, the challenge aims to generate original stories and innovative ideas which will be recreated in the **first participatory nanofiction comic** by a professional cartoonist.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR NANOKOMIK

The challenge is to create a graphic story about a female or male comic superhero with "**nanopowers**", i.e., sophisticated skills or powers acquired through nanoscience and nanotechnology. To do so, we need to know two things:

- **How to create the nanopower:** to create the character's power or skill you can check some nanopowers and amazing properties of the materials behind each nanopower. This exercise will inspire you to create a new nanopower or propose a new version of an already existing nanopower.
- **How to create a comic:** check the website for the main steps to create a comic.

WORKSHOPS

During the challenge months **comic and science workshops** will be conducted in Bilbao, Donostia-San Sebastián, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Pamplona, Hego Lapurdi municipal association and Bordeaux. Participants in these workshops will be guided through the preparation of their own nanocomic.

TAKING PART

The challenge is aimed at youngsters from 12 to 18 years of age of all nationalities. Participants may enter the competition individually or in a group. Work may be submitted in Basque, Spanish, French and English. Each participant may present a maximum of three graphic stories.

COMIC SUBMISSION

The characters and the script must be original and the technique and style will be free. Work can be completed in black and white or in colour and completely finished by hand or retouched on a computer. The comic must be unique and unpublished or should not have received an award in other competitions.

The comic story will be presented in A4 maximum and A3 minimum on a maximum of 2 sheets. If work is digitalised, one print per sheet of A4 size or any proportional measurement with 300 dpi resolution will be presented.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The period to enter the competition will be from **1st February to 30th April 2016**. Any work received after the deadline will be automatically excluded; those received on the deadline date will be admitted.



MODE OF SUBMISSION

Work can be uploaded **directly to the website** between **1st February 2015 and 1st April 2016** or sent to the following address along with the application **form** which can be downloaded from the same webpage:

Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC)
Manuel Lardizabal 4
20018 Donostia - San Sebastián
(Subject: nanokomik)

All participating comics will be posted and visible on the website once the registration deadline expires.

AWARDS

Work presented will be competing for three prizes: two prizes awarded by the official jury and the third prize is an audience award voted through the section enabled for that purpose on the website.

- > **First prize:** worth € 400.
- > **Second prize:** worth € 250.
- > **Audience prize:** worth € 100.

The organisation committee reserves the right to award special prizes to works which at its discretion qualify for a special mention or distinction.

The jury may declare any of the first two prizes null and void.

PRIZE AWARDS

At the *Zapart! festival* of DSS2016 prize-winning and most significant works will be announced and mentioned. During the meeting, attendees may enjoy a show on nanopowers and will award the audience prize.

THE JURY

The organisation committee is responsible for appointing the five members of the jury.

This jury will establish the scoring and assessment criteria for participant works in the first meeting. The jury will base its decision on imagination and originality in the creation of the graphic story and not necessarily on drawing excellence.

CONTACT

Should you have any queries, please contact the organisation: Amaia Arregi
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Legal Terms & Conditions

CIC nanoGUNE and DIPC are not liable for any issue which may arise regarding material submission due to a virus or any other incident.

Accepting these Terms and Conditions is compulsory to take part in the challenge and therefore to compete for the prizes. Any breach of the conditions established in the competition Terms and Conditions will lead to automatic disqualification from this challenge.

Under no circumstances may comics be mere translations or works derived from comics originally created in other languages by authors other than the participants. In any event, the co-operation of third parties to assist with the translation of the comic contents to any of the languages accepted in this challenge will be permitted.

Copyright

By submitting comics to this challenge, participants guarantee the materials do not breach any intellectual or industrial copyright owned by third parties, fully releasing DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE from any liability derived from any breach of regulations or breach of third-party rights by the participants who will undertake to hold DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE harmless from any liability in such case.

Challenge participants hereby transfer any exploitation rights from the comics submitted to DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE, including the right to use, disseminate, distribute, exhibit, communicate to the public, disclose and reproduce through Internet or by any other audiovisual means, show or exhibition, the comics submitted, as well as the right to transform, to the necessary extent, to prepare shorter versions of the comics or edit them together with other comics. This transfer will be free of charge, non-exclusive and worldwide.

Moreover, the organisers reserve the right to use the comics selected and received for promotional and/or dissemination purposes. In the event of comics being used for any other purpose unrelated to this section, the corresponding authorisation will be requested from the author.

Works which have previously won any prize will not be accepted. Furthermore, comics shall not breach the property right, integrity or good image of any physical or legal person.

As a result of the transfer of the exploitation rights of the comics submitted, DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE are entitled but not obliged to disseminate or publish comics through Internet or any other audiovisual means, show or exhibit.

After the challenge, those comics selected by the organisation will be available at www.nanokomik.com, nanokomik social networks and DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE websites aimed at scientific dissemination until the organisers consider it appropriate.

Final clauses

Taking part in the challenge implies the acceptance of these terms and conditions. DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE will make a decision regarding any unpredictable case which may be submitted and not foreseen in the terms and conditions.

Organisers are not responsible for any technical problems which may affect the visibility of the comics. Members of the jury will not be able to take part in this challenge.

DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE hereby waive any liability for the loss or delay in any submission, any interruption; lack of time for availability or operating continuity; transmission problem; loss of information; fraud; online damage; software operation problem; access, communication or response failure; or challenge modification due to technical problems or of any other nature which may be beyond their control or attributable to network operators; providers of intermediary or third party services.

DIPC and CIC nanoGUNE may carry out any necessary verification on the participants' identity through official documents (ID card, passport, etc.).

Pursuant to Spanish Organic Law 15/1999 of 13th December, you are informed that your email address is kept on a file owned by Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC). The aim of the file is to disseminate and manage scientific dissemination events organised by DIPC and/or other bodies. According to Law you are entitled to exercise your right to access, modify, cancel and oppose by sending a request in writing to DIPC, by mail to Pº Manuel Lardizabal 4, 20018 Donostia-San Sebastián (Gipuzkoa) or email to outreach@dipc.org.