



DEFI Inter-Alliances 2022

ARTICLE 1 - Organizers

The Alliances Françaises of the United States, non-profit associations, and the Fondation des Alliances Françaises, located in Paris, are the organizers of the "Défi Inter-Alliances" contest, hereinafter referred to as the "contest".

ARTICLE 2 - Purpose of the contest

Competitors are invited to take part in a general culture questionnaire, in French, through the digital platform Kahoot.

The contest takes place in three stages:

- a local selection phase organized by each participating Alliance (see art.1),
- a national selection phase (national final),
- an international final,

The participating Alliances are free to organize the selections in person or remotely, depending on the local health situation and the rules and/or laws in force.

- Each participating Alliance will organize its own local selection between October 15 and November 1.
- The national final will be held in virtual format on November 1 and November 15.
- The international final will also take place in virtual format, on November 26 at 2:00 pm, Paris time.

ARTICLE 3 - Terms and conditions of participation

Participation in the contest is entirely free.

The contest is open to all registered students of the participating Alliances Françaises under the following conditions:

- Be at least 16 years old at the time of registration
- Have a level - or be in the process of learning - B1, B2, C1 or C2

Learners who do not meet these criteria will not be able to participate.

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these rules, and participants must respect all conditions. Failure to comply with the conditions of participation set out in these rules will result in the participant's participation being null and void.

The 3 selection phases - local, national, and international final - will take place as follows: a general knowledge questionnaire in French through the Kahoot digital platform.

Participants must use two digital devices to participate, through two easy-to-access and free platforms (a computer to access Zoom for the virtual game space, a cell phone to answer the questionnaire from the Kahoot application).

The contest is animated only in French and the general knowledge questions are also written only in French.

The answers to the general knowledge questionnaire proposed on the Kahoot platform will result in a point count and a ranking:

- The two participants of the local selection who will have scored the most points will be designated as finalists and will represent their Alliances at the national selection.
- The two participants in the national selection who score the most points will be designated as finalists and will represent their "national" network in the international final.
- The three participants in the international final with the most points will be declared winners of the competition.

Special provision:

The persons who won the national final of the previous edition cannot take part in the next edition.

ARTICLE 4 - Prizes

For the local selections, each participating Alliance defines, for the first 2 winners, apart from their participation in the national selection, the prizes it wishes to award. The mention of these prizes will be included in the communication prior to the participation to the contest.

For the national selection, the first 2 winners, apart from their participation in the international final, will also be awarded a set of books and goodies each. Mention of these prizes will be included in the communication prior to participation in the competition.

For the international final, the first three winners will be offered a 15-day linguistic stay in one of the Alliances Françaises of France partners of the contest:

- Aix-Marseille Provence
- Bordeaux
- Cavilam - Alliance Française (Vichy)
- Lyon
- Montpellier
- Nice Côte d'Azur
- Paris Île de France
- Rouen Normandy

The three winners will choose the city they wish to visit according to their ranking. The winner with the most points at the end of the international final will choose the city he/she wishes to go to first, and then the next. Once a city is selected, the next winner will have to choose a different Alliance.

The stay includes:

- School fees (registration and courses),
- Accommodation with a family on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner),
- Transportation from the airport closest to the winner's home to Paris, and from Paris to the airport of departure.
- If necessary, transportation (train or bus) to the city of the winner's choice and back. Intercity transportation tickets (bus, metro, RER, etc.) are not included.

All other costs not included in the prize (insurance, extra luggage, etc.) will be charged to the winners. If the winner needs to obtain a visa to visit France, it will be his/her responsibility to make the necessary arrangements.

The three winners must make their choice and inform the Alliances Françaises de France they have chosen with 4 months' notice. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the prize.

The winners must choose dates that correspond to the course programs offered by the Alliances.

4.1. Validity

Winners of the International Final must complete their stay no later than September 2023.

If they are unable to take advantage of their prize before this deadline, they will lose the benefit of their prize.

Winners of the International Final may transfer their prize to a family member (parents, children, brothers/sisters) aged 16 or older.

ARTICLE 5 - Image rights

Both the local and national selections and the international final may be broadcasted live or deferred on the websites and social networks of the participating Alliances, the organizers and the partners of the contest.

By participating in the contest, the participants authorize the organizers to use their name, first name, as well as the indication of their city and country of residence, in any publicity or promotional event, on the websites and social networks of the organizers and partners of the contest, and on any affiliated website or medium, without this use giving rise to any right or remuneration other than the prize offered for this operation.

Participation in the present operation implies the authorization of diffusion of the image of the participants, if they are declared winners, to the organizers to reproduce and exploit their participations, their names, and their images on all supports (Internet site; social networks; press; events; etc.) for purposes of promotion of the operation, in the year following this one. This use will not give rise to any compensation other than the benefit of the prize. Participants acknowledge that the use of their image does not constitute an obligation for the organizer of the operation. Furthermore, participants acknowledge that they will not have any right to view the selected photographs. Therefore, they will not have the possibility to object to their distribution, in accordance with the terms of these rules.

By entering this contest, the parents or guardians of participating minors accept the provisions of these rules and authorize the participating and organizing Alliances Françaises to publish their names and data that identify them or could lead to their identification.

ARTICLE 6 - Responsibilities

6.1 Responsibilities of the organizers

The organizers cannot be held responsible if, in the event of force majeure or any other cause, the contest must be postponed, shortened, or cancelled. The organizers reserve the right to extend or limit the period of participation, to postpone or modify the conditions of the contest. Additions and modifications to these rules may be published during the contest. They will be considered as annexes to these rules.

The organizers cannot be held responsible for any malfunctioning of the Internet network itself or for any intrusion, attempted intrusion, fraud, technical failure, or any other reason beyond the control of the organizers that may cause failures in the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or management of the contest. The organizers cannot be held responsible for the congestion of the Internet network, the quality of the participants' equipment, or the quality of their access mode, which could have repercussions on the time required to send answers or on the connection time necessary to participate.

Also, participants will not be able to claim any compensation in the event of incidents as mentioned above, of modification or cancellation of the contest.

6.2 Participants' responsibilities

Participants are expressly reminded that it is their sole responsibility to ensure that the information they provide when registering for the competition, in particular their contact details, is correct and sincere, and that it will allow them to take part in the competition.

Participants selected to take part in the national selection and/or the international finals must ensure that they are available on the dates specified. If they are not available on these dates, for whatever reason, their participation will be cancelled.

It is the responsibility of each participant to take all appropriate measures to protect his/her own data and/or software stored on his/her computer equipment against any attack. The participation of the participants in the contest is done under their entire responsibility.

Participation in the contest implies a loyal attitude, in compliance with the rules. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify, without prior notice, and/or not to award a prize to any participant who fails to comply with the rules.

The organizers also reserve the right to revoke the participation of any participant, if his/her conduct is deemed inappropriate.