



PartArt4OW Third Open Call is Now Open

Reimagining a Sustainable & Equitable Blue Economy Through Art and Participation

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Third and final Open Call of PartArt4OW** — an opportunity for artists, researchers, creatives, civic organisations and interdisciplinary teams across Europe to develop **participatory art initiatives (PAIs)** addressing the future of the **blue economy**.

This call invites bold, inclusive and community-driven projects that explore how our societies interact with oceans, rivers and water-based economic systems — and how these relationships can become more **sustainable, just and resilient**.

Call opening: 8th January 12:00
Call closing: 10th March 12:00

What is this call about?

The Third Open Call focuses on **rethinking the blue economy** beyond growth-only narratives. We are looking for projects that:

- Engage **local communities** in coastal or inland water contexts
- Combine **artistic practice, scientific knowledge and lived experience**
- Foster dialogue and reflection around water-based economies
- Make invisible processes and impacts visible through art
- Embrace **participation, inclusion and co-creation** as core methodologies

All artistic disciplines are welcome — from visual and performing arts to digital, sound, literary and experimental practices.

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Who can apply?

Applications are open to:

- Artists and creatives
- Researchers and scientists
- Cultural organisations, NGOs and grassroots collectives
- Interdisciplinary and cross-sector teams

Projects must demonstrate:

- A strong **participatory approach**
- Collaboration with communities and relevant blue economy actors
- Public engagement activities (workshops, exhibitions, performances, etc.)

Initiatives involving **under-represented groups** or communities with limited access to cultural and scientific spaces are especially encouraged.

What support will selected projects receive?

The 6 selected Participatory Art Initiatives (PAIs) will receive:

- Up to €50,000 in funding**
- A 6-month implementation period**
- Tailored **mentorship and training**
- An online **bootcamp on participatory art & water challenges**
- Visibility through PartArt4OW's European communication channels
- Access to a growing **pan-European ecosystem** of artists, scientists and civic actors

All projects will commit to a **Climate Pact Pledge**, integrating sustainable and low-carbon practices.

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Don't miss the opportunity to be part of a Europe-wide community shaping new relationships with oceans and inland waters through art.

About PartArt4OW

PartArt4OW (Participatory Art for Society Engagement with Ocean and Water) is a Horizon Europe-funded project that supports artistic and cultural actors in working with scientists, citizens and communities to address ocean and water challenges through participatory approaches.

Through open calls, an accelerator programme, a Sailing Lab and a growing ecosystem of initiatives, PartArt4OW demonstrates how art can play a transformative role in shaping more sustainable relationships with our waters.



Questions?

Contact us at: opencallpartart4ow@gmail.com



Learn more at: <https://partart4ow.eu/third-open-call>

With Warm Regards,
The PartArt4OW Team

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