

the sustainable institution open call is asking for smart people with new ideas to help us in the fight against climate change. We want artists, architects, designers, and scientists to create things that will make exhibitions more sustainable.

We will give you time, money and space to develop your ideas and create a prototype*. Three people will be selected and receive 20,000 EUR each plus a studio and accommodation to develop their idea.

If we choose your idea, we will help you develop it remotely for six months, and then you will go to one of three places (Germany, France or Lithuania) for six weeks in spring 2024 to produce your work.

We want you to come up with ideas to make institutions more sustainable, like designs or actions. Your idea could be related to performance art, activism, writing, food, furniture design, sculpture, biomaterials, waste or digital activities - but we are open to many ideas.

Once you have applied, you may be chosen for an online interview with the people who will judge your application. We will let you know if you're chosen about 4 weeks after the interview. Please don't email us to ask about your application status, because we may not be able to respond.

*Prototype: an early sample, model or idea of a concept.

About the Mentorship programme

If you are selected for the residency programme, you will be mentored by a group of people (the jury). During the Mentorship programme (September 2023 – March 2024), the jury will help you research and develop your project from different perspectives. You will have 6 consultations, one with each jury member over 6 months, either online or in person.

About the Residency

If you're selected for the residency programme, you will have 3 studio visits with the programme's directors, either online or in person. You will also have a consultation with one external jury member.

During the residency, we will help you with curatorial assistance and give you access to the local art scene and network of the institution. You do not have to, but you are welcome to participate in the institution's events and share your work with the public.

At the end of the residency, all 3 residents will be invited to present their work in a public programme that is both online and in person.

If you need any other information in plain language or in audio format, please email info@sustainable-institution.com.

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