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INVITATION

We invite figurative arts artists to participate in an Arts Competition.

The Vlora Municipality, Albanian Development Fund (ADF), European Union Delegation (EUD) has agreed to sponsor an art competition on figurative arts including sculptures and mosaic arts for the EU funded project Vlora waterfront.

The Vlora Waterfront Project is the largest project in Albania supported by EU which has been designed with the urban upgrade nature and based on the surface application of urban furnishing elements and upgrading network infrastructure throughout the site of intervention.

Art has and always will have the ability to symbolize and transmit messages to the public. The aim of this art competition is to ensure permanent visibility of the EU support to this project. This art competition will provide Albanian artists the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and gain public exposure.

- **1st place** - the EUD undertakes to cover all costs up to a maximum of €20,000, for activities related to design, implementation, and final installation on site of the proposed artwork.
- **2nd place - a € 1,000 prize** will be covered by Albanian Development Fund.
- **3rd place - a € 500 prize** will be covered by Vlora Municipality

In addition EUD, ADF and Vlora Municipality will look after sponsors for implementation of the art pieces in the second and the third winning places.

The attached description of the Vlora Waterfront Project includes details about the competition and eligibility. Please contact info@euin.al to register for a questions clarification session, to be held on the 6th of October 2017, at EU Info Center, Pallati i Kongreseve, Bulevardi Deshmooret e Kombit, Tirana.

Deadline for submissions: 25 October 2017, 17.00 hrs, at EU Info Centre, Pallati i Kongreseve, Bulevardi Deshmooret e Kombit, Tirana.
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE VLORA WATERFRONT (VWF) PROJECT

Background

The government of Albania requested, and the European Union Delegation (EUD) agreed to fund, the construction of the Vlora Waterfront under the IPA 2013 Project. The decision for funding this project has been made considering that construction of this project was a priority for the Government aimed at improving the living conditions of Vlora inhabitants by upgrading the urban infrastructure, upgrading the existing public space and creating new public areas and provide better environment to the tourism.

Design

For this project, design preparation was funded by the Albanian Government. The designer was selected through an international, one-stage, urban-design competition. The goal of this competition was to inject world-class design as a value into the improvement project and, specifically, into the upgrade of the City Waterfront Promenade.

The winner of the design competition, a company called XDGA, was selected by a five-member international jury. The contract for design services between XDGA and the Albanian Development Fund (ADF) was signed on May 12, 2014. The design project was completed in October 2014.

Furthermore the designer provided technical assistance to the Beneficiary of this project (which is represented by Albanian Development Fund) during the implementation of the project. Today, the design firm continues to ensure that: (I) the design is respected (II) make recommendations on decisions that impact the aesthetics of the project (III) offer suggestions for further design implementation.

Scope and Costs

The Vlora Waterfront Project includes construction of a road segment, an adjacent promenade, and public spaces in the coastal area of Vlora.

The works will include construction of a road section of about 4 km, its adjacent promenade of about 3 km along the coastline from Skele to the road tunnel in Vlora.

As part of this project, the following public spaces are being constructed:

- Public squares
- Parking areas
- Parks
- Drainage and irrigation networks
- Concrete structures to support and protect the road and promenade
- Drainage and irrigation networks
• Electric lighting for the road, promenade and public squares
• Sports terrains as well as provision of the related urban furniture

Phase I of the Vlora Waterfront Project cost approximately €11.77 million. Of that, €9.47 million were from EUD grant funding (from the IPA 2013 Project) and €2.3 million were from the Albanian Government through the ADF.

Work on the project started in June 2015 and was completed in June 2017. The works Contractor is INTRAKAT from Greece and works supervisor is IRD Engineering S.r.l from Italy.

2. AIM OF THE ARTS COMPETITION

The Vlora Waterfront Project is the largest urban-improvement project in Albania supported by the EU that includes the installation of related urban equipment, as well as upgrading the network infrastructure throughout the project site.

The arts have, and always will have, the ability to symbolize and transmit messages to the public. The aim of this art competition is to create public awareness of the Vlora Waterfront Project and to ensure permanent visibility of the EUD’s support of the project.

This competition will provide Albanian artists the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and gain public exposure.

3. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

3.1 Participants:

• Must be of Albanian nationality
• Must be individuals or teams, including figurative arts artists. Teams have to nominate a spokesperson.
• Must submit a model for the proposed artwork, as well as a template (see attached document), including the requested information. The model should hold the participants name and signature.
• Must arrange individually for payment of taxes in line with tax legislation in force.
• Organize the visit of the project site privately.

3.2 Workability

Each individual or team must provide a cost estimate for the construction of the project, including onsite installation of the proposed artwork. The cost estimation including construction and installation of the proposed artwork(s) should not exceed € 20,000.
3.3 Sponsors/price money

The Vlora Municipality, Albanian Development Fund and European Union Delegation (EUD) have agreed to sponsor this art competition for figurative arts, including sculptures and mosaic arts to enhance the visibility of EU support of the Vlora Waterfront Project as follows.

They will deliver the following prizes:

- **1st place** - the EUD undertakes to cover all costs up to a maximum of €20,000, for activities related to design, implementation, and final installation on site of the proposed artwork.
- **2nd place - a € 1,000 prize** will be covered by Albanian Development Fund.
- **3rd place - a € 500 prize** will be covered by Vlora Municipality.

In addition, the EUD, ADF and Vlora Municipality will solicit sponsors for implementing the art pieces for the second- and third-place winners.

Installing the winning artwork will be achieved through consultation and with the consent of Vlora Municipality and the project designer.

3.4 Time schedule:

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<td>25 September - 25 October 2017</td>
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<td>First Coordination meeting for the Art Competition (first colloquium for general questions about the competition. Distribution of Template Forms for artists).</td>
<td>27 September 2017, 15:30 hrs., at EU Info Centre, Pallati i Kongreseve, Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit, Tirana</td>
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<td>Deadline for questions and/or clarification (second colloquium/questions clarification session)</td>
<td>06 October 2017 16.30 hrs., at EU Info Center, Pallati i Kongreseve, Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit, Tirana</td>
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<td>Entry deadline (handing back of design and/or miniature and template latest)</td>
<td>25 October 2017 17.00 hrs., at EU Info Centre, Pallati i Kongreseve, Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit, Tirana</td>
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### 3.5 Submission of proposed artwork

Artworks should be submitted as follows:

- Maximum model size is 30-cm x 30-cm x 30-cm
- Sketches, drawings and paintings may be submitted in hard copies only, maximum 5 sheets, A2 or A3, including a proposal for the installation site of the artwork.
- Each artist/team can enter one or several artwork models showing the installation site.
- Complete the attached template, including a description of the artwork and proposed materials
- Include a cost estimate for activities to complete the artwork, including on-site installation at a cost not to exceed €20,000.

### 3.6 Jury

Evaluating the proposed works of art is the responsibility of a jury that will include members from the EUD, ADF, Vlora Municipality, the EU Info Center, and the artistic community of Albania.

### 3.7 Judging criteria
The jury will select winners based on the following criteria:

- **Creativity**
  - Freedom of expression
  - Originality

- **Illustrating the EU perspective of Albania**
  - Understanding the art message
  - Having a story behind the art
  - Including a message of the EU perspective

- **Enhancing the architectural design/plaza of the site**
  - Standing naturally with the surrounding area
  - Constructability and cost
  - Materials to be used

The jury will nominate the first three winners. Prizes will be awarded at a public ceremony with participation by High Representatives of the EUD, the Mayor of Vlora, and the ADF. Indicative date for public event for announcement of prices will be on 8 or 9 November 2017.

### 3.8 Copyright of the winning artwork

The Copy-right for the winning artworks will become the property of the EU Delegation to Albania, Vlora Municipality and the Albanian Development Fund.
4. DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK OF THE ART

This competition is open for sculptures, mosaic art and similar alternative arts. There are no limits to the materials or designs proposed. However, materials should be suitable for on-site installation and should ensure permanent visibility.

The Artwork must be able to be completed within the maximum allowed budget and within the time period described in the Schedule table earlier in this document.

In no way shall any artwork interfere with the functioning of the promenade or adjacent buildings. Proposed installations should take into account harmony with the project site.

5. TEMPLATES

The template must be signed and submitted with each design entry. Entries without the completed template will not be accepted.

Artists that cannot participate in the questions clarification session have to provide us with an email address, so that we can pass on the information.
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TEMPLATE

Name:
Address:
Tel/e-mail:
Birthday: __/__/__
Diploma obtained and field of study:
Graduation year:

Title of artwork:
Brief description of artwork:
Primary materials to be used:
Construction/installation team:
Name/Company:

Attach this template to the required model (maximum size is 30 cm x 30-cm x 30-cm)

Estimated cost of the complete artwork, including construction and installation on site € _____________ (Note: Max. value available 20,000.00 Euro)

Tax Office Registration Number:
(please provide proof and contact number)

Signature ____________________________   Date ______________

EU Delegation to Albania      Vlora Municipality      Albanian Development Fund
Call for Entries

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Open to figurative arts, including sculptures and mosaic arts, created by Albanian artists and teams

Site
- The Vlora Waterfront Project—in Vlora, Albania—is the largest urban-improvement project in Albania supported by the European Union Delegation (EUD)

Purpose
- Create public awareness of the Vlora Waterfront Project
- Ensure permanent visibility of the EUD’s support of the project

This is an opportunity for you to show Albania your skills, creativity, and talent as a figurative artist!

Prizes
- 1st place—the EUD will cover all of your costs, up to €20,000, for activities related to design, implementation, and final installation on the Vlora waterfront
- 2nd place—€1,000 will be awarded by the Albanian Development Fund
- 3rd place—€500 will be awarded by the Vlora Municipality

Deadlines
- 27 September 2017, 15.30 hrs — first coordination meeting
- 6 October 2017, 16.30 hrs — questions clarification session
- 25 October 2017—submissions due at 17.00 hrs, At EU Info Center in Tiran, Pallati i Kongreseve, Bulevardi Deshmoret e Kombit, Tirana

For more information
- Visit the [https://e eas.europa.eu/delegations/albania_sq](https://e eas.europa.eu/delegations/albania_sq)

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