AN OPEN CALL FOR
"YOUTH LED SUSTAINABLE VISIONS"

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1. Introduction

The present call is promoted by ActionAid International Italia Onlus and IED – Istituto Europeo di Design S.p.A. - Società Benefit (the “Organizers”) in collaboration with the Municipality of Milan in the framework of “Food Wave - Empowering Urban Youth for Climate Action” a project co-funded by the European Commission under the Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (Reference number: EuropeAid/160048/DH/ACT/Multi) and led by the Municipality of Milan.

2. Challenge’s Objectives

In line with the Food Wave key messages¹, the call is focused on increasing the awareness on the nexus among food production, distribution and consumption - with all its rituals - and climate change.

The exploration of new strategies and directions are expected to cover one or more stages of the “food value chain” in order to disrupt local markets and to trigger virtuous practices at a global level.

The main objective is to activate virtuous practices which enable the generation of networks and bridges between young individuals and communities, including the more vulnerable ones, which are often left off.

In particular, it will be important to take into consideration the relationship among citizens and urban spaces, from private to public in order to define a series of opportunities to transform cities through new gestures, innovative ways of sharing values and alternative programs for education and meaningful services (both physical and digital) with the assumption of preserving lands and territories throughout solidarity and circularity.

All project interventions will have to consider Millennials and/or GenZ as the main target: young people take the chance to be at the centre of contemporary debates about sustainability and future cities development.

3. Challenge’s main stages

**Stage 01** (qualification and semi-finals)
- Concept/Idea submission by 22-12-2022
- Concept/Idea skimming by 20-01-2023

**Stage 02** (finals)
- Bootcamp “team building, sensing and envisioning” by the third week of January 2023
- Hackathon by the end of January 2023

**Stage 03** (execution)
- Concept Development by the half of April 2023 + showcase at Milano Design Week

**Stage 04** (delivery)
- Concept prototyping + Test and Implementation by September 2023
- Projects Final presentation and selection of the 3 winning teams by November 2023
4. How to participate

A. The official competition language is **english**.

B. The call is open to young creatives aged from **18** to **35** y.o. based in/from **Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Slovenia, Greece, Hungary, Brazil, Croatia, UK, Portugal and France**, regardless of gender, religion, social and political behaviours.

C. If you have interest, passion and/or training and working experience in Web Development, Product-Service System design, Design (Product, Graphic, Interior, Communication, UX-UI, Media), Marketing, Finance, Business, Philosophy, Sociology and Anthropology, this call is right for you!

D. Participation is allowed for both individuals and groups (max. 3 people). In the case of group participation, the members must appoint a group leader who will liaise with the Organizers.

E. Submissions can only be sent via email: before the 22nd of December 2022 (midnight Italian time) to: progetti.speciali@milano.ied.it

5. Submission and its requirements

Applicants shall send the following:

1. Motivational letter proving specific interest in the program
2. A proposal Idea/concept:
   - **Idea**: an abstract of 400 words max (including Title)
   - **Concept**: visual-multimedia-artifact*
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Portfolio including a focus on food and sustainability projects already developed** [not mandatory]

   * **Concept** (i.e. sketch, infographics, mockup, prototype, 3D model, collage, painting, digital app, website, blogs, smart objects, video, short movie, animation, game, etc.)
   ** URL to website or behance pages are allowed

All documents must be merged into a single pdf file and be sent as attachment by email (as max. size of 25 MB).

**Naming**:
Object of email: **Surname_Name_foo[d]tures: sustainable visions**
Pdf attachment: **Surname_Name_role.pdf** (i.e. : Rossi_Mario_Student.pdf; Bianchi_Maria_Graphic Designer.pdf).

Any application not complying with the requirements will be automatically rejected.

Applicants assume all responsibility for the originality of the concept/idea submitted.

It is not possible to participate nominally with more than one project.

6. Deadline

**Below are the deadlines that must be respected:**

Emails must be sent no later than: 22-12-2022 (Midnight Italian time to: progetti.speciali@milano.ied.it)

Other information to be notified:

- Emails received after the deadline will not be considered for the Call
- The Organizers reserve the right to extend the deadline; any changes will be posted on the Call’s official website: www.foodwave.eu
- The applicants selected and not selected will be notified on 20 January 2023 (unless extended) by email at the address provided in the submission and the Organizers’ communication channels. A dedicated communication will also be published on the Food Wave official website www.foodwave.eu
7. Selection Modalities

After the submission stage ends, the proposal (idea/concept) will be evaluated by a qualified panel composed of IED experts and professionals, ActionAid Italy and Comune di Milano Representatives. At its incontestable discretion, the jury will evaluate and select entrees.

Proposals with a focus on enhancing social relations, participatory attitude able to engage local communities and generate profitable exchange to all people in a human rights-based framework will be positively evaluated. As well as those which can minimise waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change.

Ideas/concepts must have a great level of consistency with the call and with the overall objectives of Food Wave - Empowering Urban Youth for Climate Action project: in addition quality, innovation, sustainability and scalable business models will be considered main drivers for the selection process.

8. Methods, processes and outputs

The design challenge is configured as a training and educational pathway divided into four stages: submitted ideas by individuals will turn into real projects ready to be prototype by winning teams. The ‘stage-gate’ process will be held and supported by institutional players: tutors, mentors, interpreters and facilitators, professionally involved into similar or adjacent working industries at a global and local scale. Multidisciplinary teams will be formed considering different levels of expertise and cultural background, in a way to reach a balanced and heterogeneous set of competences; knowledge gaps will be filled throughout the process and team-working.

Only 20 finalists will conclude the whole challenge by executing and delivering final outputs as a team, including high-fidelity products/services prototypes.

Stage 01 (qualification and semi-finals)
Timeframe:
From 24th November to 22nd of December 2022 - open call Application Submission
From 22nd December 2022 to 20th January 2023 – Collection and first skimming of the Submission - (all applicants will be reached out by email, both selected and not selected. Selected ones will proceed to stage 2)
Players: individual or group applicants
Organizers: Jury composed by IED, ActionAid and Comune di Milano
Output: Idea/concept proposals (abstract+visual)

Stage 02 (finals)
Timeframe:
From 21st to 29th of January 2023
WEEKEND 1_ Bootcamp activities (team building) 24h Sensing - 24h Envisioning
WEEKEND 2_ Hackathon 48h Design challenge on new meanings
By the end of January 2023, Communication of the finalist teams (a total of 20 participants)
Players: Selected applicants (participants) grouped as multidisciplinary, skill-balanced design teams
Activities_Bootcamp: participants collectively share their entries 'idea/concept' and create macro-themes which could become drivers for the formation of design teams. A series of speeches and lectures will take place during the 2 weeks to enrich the repository of data and knowledge provided to all teams. All activities will be led by a board of "Facilitators" (from Organizers)
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Output_Hackathon: MVC Minimum viable concept: digital presentation including a well defined concept ready to be explored and mocked-up in order to be tested and allow the team to collect the maximum amount of validated learning about targets with the least effort.

Selection modalities: each team will present its own design scenario or idea as “elevator pitch” as the final stage of both, Bootcamp and Hackathon weekends. An evaluation criteria shared document will be provided to the jury panel. Each will assign grades from 0 to 5 at the end of team-project presentations. An example of these criterias are the following:
- Sensing (Scanning & Analysing trends/case studies). Trends and case studies are inspiring and well explained, the research team have the ability to build a story upon forces that govern society, from technology to business and political drivers including consumer and human behaviours.
- Defining (Pattern Recognition) Research teams have collected a huge quantity of information which have been smartly shrinked and grouped intuitively. The team translates insights into a hierarchy of values and needs by combining quantitative and qualitative data aimed to enrich the knowledge and validate or confute assumptions/hypothesis
- Re-briefing | Framing the design challenge. The team gain a strong understanding of the phenomenon and it is capable to frame design challenges to be creatively tackled during the ideation phase. The team knows how to translate insights into design opportunities.

Stage 03 (execution)
Timeframe:
February – March 2023. Ideas and Concept Development
April 2023 – (Design week) Concept Exhibition - To be confirmed
Players: Multidisciplinary, skill-balanced design teams
Activities: Each selected team, starting from the minimum viable concept presented at the end of the previous stage, will proceed with the analysis of the context and will deepen the project opportunities through observation, data collection and field research. The opportunities will be translated into project insights and the team members will proceed to outline and further develop the concept.
Output: Digital Presentation and Mockup
The delivered document will summarise the results of this stage, from the research and analysis carried out to the development of the new design brief. The background context, the target audience, the stakeholders profiles, the design opportunities and solutions identified as well as the new phygital experience for each of the active players will then be presented.
The concept will also be translated into a design language and a preliminary physical/digital mockup of the idea will be presented.

Stage 04 (delivery)
Timeframe:
From May 2023 to September 2023 – Concept prototyping + Test and Implementation
October 2023 – Projects Final presentation and selection of the 3 winning teams
From November 2023 to January 2024 Project showcase Exhibition
Players: Multidisciplinary, skill-balanced design teams
Activities: Each team will proceed in Stage 4 to an important step of testing
9. Originality of the idea/concept submitted

Below the rights and duties related to the idea/concept proposal and to the applicants to the Call will be listed.

**The idea/concept proposal:**
- Must be original
- Must be inspired by the theme outlined by the Challenge’s Objectives (art. 2)
- It must not infringe any rights of any third party or applicable law.

**The author (or the authors, in case of groups):**
- Declare to hold all moral and patrimonial copyrights related to their submitted idea/concept proposal.
- In the event of disputes, will hold the Organizers harmless from any liability, costs, and charges of any nature that may be incurred due to the content of the submitted artwork.
- Proposals can be submitted only by their authors (or group leader), who, by doing so, declares and warrants ownership of their work, and that their submission does not violate any rights of third parties or applicable law.
- The author declares the originality of the submitted proposal and to be able to show its authorship, thus relieving the Organizers from any liability arising from possible claims by third parties in the field of copyright and related.

10. Prize and Awards

The 3 winning teams authors of the 3 worthiest projects are going to receive an award of merit of the value up to 1,000 euro each. The amount of the prize will be equally divided among all team members.

IED will identify at its own discretion the method of disbursement of the reward geared towards study and professional support (i.e. vouchers for the purchase of study support materials and tools/consulting packages with IED professionals with thematic focus to be defined).

11. Privacy Policy - Applicable law and Jurisdiction

Applicants personal data will be processed in compliance with applicable legislation, with particular reference to EU Regulation 2016/679 and Italian laws and regulations (hereinafter the “Applicable Privacy Regulations”).

In accordance with art. 13 of the European Data Protection Regulation no. 2016/679 regarding the protection of personal data, we inform the Applicants that personal data will be processed by IED ISTITUTO EUROPEO DI DESIGN S.p.A. – Benefit Company and by ActionAid International Italia Onlus as independent Data Controllers, in compliance with current laws.
Each data controller shall process the collected personal data independently, through paper and/or electronic methods, in compliance with safety and confidentiality measures, exclusively for the following purposes: analysis and acceptance of submission requests, evaluation and awarding of works/concepts, selection of works, invitations to meetings and any other purposes deemed to carry out or connected to the Contest, as well as to comply with statutory requirements.

Data provided will be shared by the Data Controller with other Organizers, for purposes related to the Contest. Data may also be shared with third parties to comply with administrative, fiscal, and legal requirements.

Data will be stored for the length of time necessary for the execution of the Contest and for any connected activity.

Data Protection Officer for the processing carried out by Istituto Europeo di Design S.p.A. is Ecoconsult S.r.l., which can be contacted at dpo@ecoconsult.it. Data Protection Officer for the processing carried out by ActionAid International Italia Onlus is Isabella Di Ruggiero, which can be contacted at dpo.ita@actionaid.org

Pursuant to the articles 15-22 of the Regulation. Applicants will have the right to:
- Be informed of the purposes and methods of their personal data processing
- Access to their personal data
- Obtain a copy of their personal data if they are stored in countries outside the European Union, and to obtain an indication of the place where such personal data are stored or transferred
- Request the correction, updating or completion of their personal data.
- Request the deletion, anonymisation or blocking of the processing of their personal data.
- Whole or partially object to any processing carried out through automated decision-making processes, including profiling.
- Withdraw their consent to the processing, where given, free of charge and at any time, being understood that withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent that was given before withdrawal.
- Contact the Data Protection Officer of the Data Controller.
- Lodge a complaint with the Personal Data Protection Authority.
- Data portability, i.e. the right to receive one's personal data in a structured format that is commonly used and machine-readable, and the possibility of being able to transmit them to another controller free of charge and unhindered, where applicable.
- Request the restriction of the processing of their personal data, where applicable.

At any time Applicants can exercise such rights, including the erasure of data or objection to their use, by sending an email to privacy@ied.it towards IED and to dpo.ita@actionaid.org towards ActionAid International Italia Onlus.

Italian law will apply to any dispute concerning and/or arising from the submission to the Contest. By submitting, the Applicant explicitly and irrevocably agrees that the Court of Milan will have sole jurisdiction over any dispute arising from their participation at the Contest.

12. Questions and Information request

For more information on the Food Wave project, you can visit the official website [www.foodwave.eu](http://www.foodwave.eu)

For more information and specific inquiries on the call, please contact info@foodwave.eu

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For more info please write to: progetti.speciali@milano.ied.it

or call the following number: +39 025796952 from Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 6 pm Italian Time.
13. Promoters of the Call

The Food Wave project
Food Wave is co-funded by the EU and promoted by the Municipality of Milan together with 29 partners across 17 countries. The Food Wave Consortium involves 16 cities and municipal agencies plus 13 civil society organisations closely linked with the cities. C40, the international network of cities engaged in the fight against climate change, is also affiliated to the project.
The aim of the project is to create awareness of sustainable approaches to consuming and producing food in our cities in support of climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, and to have an influential voice in institutional decisions, so we can achieve a fair and sustainable global food system by 2030.
The key messages of the Food Wave project could be resumed as follows:
- Choose a healthy and sustainable diet to reduce your impact on the planet
- Support local food systems and territorial markets
- Fight against food waste
- Improve your healthy and sustainable food education and share your knowledge
- Take action to ensure everyone access to healthy, fair and sustainable food

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ActionAid Italia
ActionAid International Italia ONLUS is a member of the ActionAid international federation working with over 15 million people in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication. Established in 1989, it has been active for more than 30 years in Italy and in the world.
ActionAid leads projects in Italy, Europe as well as in the Global South, through individual, high value and institutional funding, with a wide array of partners (including NGOs, CBOs, corporate partners and more).
ActionAid Italia is one of the implementing partners of the project "Food Wave Empowering Urban Youth for Climate Action".

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