

FLOW PROJECT  
EXPERIENTIAL  
FUTURES  
WORKSHOPS

North Sea Region  
Selection Call



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# FLOW Project

## Future Lives with Oceans & Waters

Future Lives with Oceans and Waters (FLOW) is a two-year collaborative project coordinated by Radboud University, the Netherlands. The project is funded by the European Union (EU) under the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme.

The four partners of this project are UiT The Arctic University of Norway, from Norway, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, from Germany, and Volonteuropé, from Belgium, which is the civil society partner in this project.

## Objectives

FLOW aims to increase the understanding of the connection that the young generation has with water (oceans, seas, rivers, lakes, etc.).

Moreover, by combining transdisciplinary methods – horizon scanning, ethnographic fieldwork, and experiential futures workshop – in an innovative way, FLOW engages youth in intergenerational just and transdisciplinary research.

Bringing together young people from across Europe will give the opportunity to explore how young people imagine their future in connection to waters.



*The FLOW project supports the EU Mission to restore our Ocean & Waters.*

## Help us to gather the opinions of young people from Inland region on the future of water!

In the FLOW project, we want to understand what your and your peers' hopes and fears are when thinking about oceans, rivers or lakes. Sure, no easy answers here. Joy and anxiety can go well together...

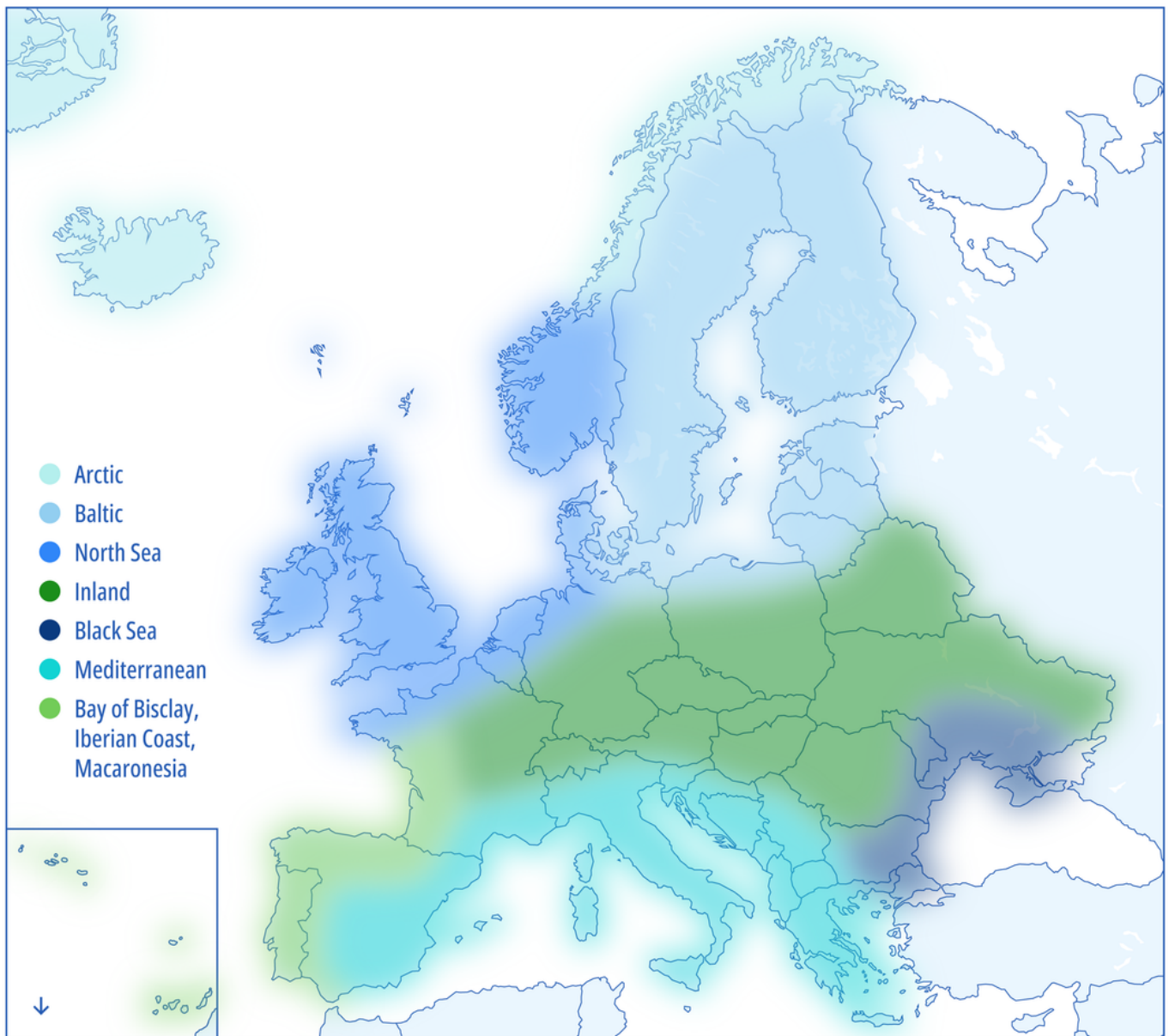
You may be concerned about plastic waste in the ocean but still have fun surfing. Or you may not think much about rivers but you may still be concerned about floods. Maybe you cannot stand the smell of fish, but you are still impressed by the sea people in Avatar. Either way we want to talk to you and facilitate a dialogue amongst the European youth about their relations to oceans and waters!

**Take part in the experiential future workshops, meet young individuals across Europe and guide us through future projections on water.**

We do not only want to listen to young people, we want to engage with them! You can help us build experiences that are meaningful, fun and interesting.

Your participation in the FLOW workshops will help researchers and stakeholders to understand better how young people see their relationship with the oceans and water, and to shape future policies so that we all contribute to preserving these vital resources.

Water  
covers  
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planet's  
surface!



*The FLOW project map of seven bio-geographic regions*

**Participating in FLOW workshop in Brussels, Belgium will offer you an interesting network, travel opportunities, exciting workshops and insights into science and policy-making around "watery" themes.**

You, while representing your country, will be taking part in an experiential futures workshop in Brussels. Furthermore, you will get to know our research team and other young Europeans interested in co-creating the future of engagement for the wellbeing of oceans, rivers and lakes.

As a general information about the upcoming workshops, the regions are as follows: Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Bay of Biscay, Iberian Coast, Macaronesia, North Sea, Baltic Sea, Arctic and Inland. On the next page, you will find more details about how we plan to engage with young individuals depending on their countries.

# List of Countries

## **Black Sea (stay tuned)**

Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey, Ukraine

## **Mediterranean Sea | Ibiza | 16-17 November 2023**

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey

## **Bay of Biscay, Iberian Coast, Macaronesia (stay tuned)**

Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey, Ukraine

## **North Sea | Brussels | 12-13 March 2024**

Scotland, England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark

## **Baltic Sea (stay tuned)**

Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany

## **Arctic Sea (stay tuned)**

Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Canada, USA

## **Inland | Warsaw | 4-5 December 2023**

All European countries

# FLOW EXPERIENTIAL FUTURES WORKSHOPS

Experiential future workshops will provide participants with the means to discuss and imagine the future of human-waters relations in an immersive and tangible way. Through scenario enactments with role-playing, speculative design, drawings, and storytelling future perspectives will become concret to be discussed in a participatory way.

Furthermore, workshops will follow a transdisciplinary approach of FLOW, encouraging youth to reveal to us insight on the future of human-water relations through their own lens. As such, insights on expectations and future perspectives of the young generation on human-water relations, future lifestyles, future stewardship, and engagement initiatives, will be produced.

With the focus on seven bio-geographic regions, each workshop will host 20 young people aged between 18-30 from the same regions. We will ensure a diverse representation when it comes to gender, age, socio-cultural background and education.

The selection of participants for each workshop will be carried out by Volonteurope on the basis of an open call by using social media channels (X, LinkedIn, Instagram)

A group of diverse young people, including a young man in an orange shirt pointing upwards, a young woman in a yellow shirt, a young man in a striped shirt, and a young woman in a blue shirt, all smiling and giving thumbs up. The word "FLOW" is overlaid in large white letters at the bottom left of the image.

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# Let's get the conversation flowing!



## Selection Criteria for taking part in the FLOW workshops in Brussels, Belgium:

- You must be between 18 and 30 years old.
- Apply from the eligible countries.
- Have at least intermediate English language (speaking, reading, writing).
- Should have no visa requirement to travel to Brussels, Belgium.
- Follow Volonteuropa and FLOW project on social media.

## How to apply?

FLOW Project Experiential Futures  
Workshop North Sea Region  
Selection Call



Fill in this registration form (your data will be managed according to the EU laws).

# Timeline

TASK	DATE
<b>PHASE 01</b> LAUNCH OF THE SELECTION CALL	12 DECEMBER 2023
<b>PHASE 02</b> DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS	12 JANUARY 2024
<b>PHASE 03</b> ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS	14 JANUARY 2024
<b>PHASE 04</b> FINAL CONFIRMATION FROM PARTICIPANTS	16 JANUARY 2024
<b>PHASE 05</b> WORKSHOP IN BRUSSELS	12-13 MARCH 2024

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