



Future Lives with
Oceans and Waters

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the application procedure for the FLOW Experiential Futures Workshops. These workshops are designed to bring together a diverse group of individuals aged 18-30, as well as, when accompanied by a tutor, parent, or youth worker, young individuals between the ages of 16-18. The purpose of these workshops is to engage in meaningful discussions and activities that revolve around human-water relations. To ensure transparency and inclusivity in the selection process, this deliverable provides a clear overview of the steps involved.

The process starts with the launch of the call for applications for each workshop unfolding in seven different geo-biological regions of Europe, inviting individuals to apply online. Applicants are encouraged to provide thoughtful responses to various questions which includes a unique exercise that involves choosing figures for a meaningful dialogue.

Inclusivity and diversity are central to this selection process, with a focus on involving young individuals not typically engaged in such activities. After the application submission, a committee reviews and selects participants aligned with the workshop's objectives.



2 ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

2.1 Selection call templates

To ensure clarity and transparency in the selection process, a Selection Call Document is attached as an annex to the deliverable. This document provides a comprehensive overview of the criteria and procedures employed to select participants to take part in the Experiential Futures Workshops. The attachment of this document serves to enhance understanding of the selection process and ensures fairness and equity in project implementation.

2.2 Launch of the selection call

The initiation of the selection process begins with the official launch of the call for applications. This phase signals the commencement of the application submission period and invites interested young individuals to apply for participation in the Experiential Futures Workshops.

2.3 Deadline for submitting online applications

This phase sets the deadline for submitting online applications. Applicants are encouraged to provide detailed and thoughtful responses to the application questions within this timeframe. If the number of received applications is insufficient for any workshops, Volonteuropa reserves the right to consider an extension of the deadline with the aim of broadening outreach to young individuals in different countries.

2.4 Announcement of results

Subsequent to the closure of the application submission period, an extensive review and assessment will be carried out by a committee from Volonteuropa. This committee will rigorously evaluate all received applications to ensure a selection that closely aligns with the precise objectives and desired diversity of the FLOW Experiential Futures Workshops. Successful applicants will be promptly informed and furnished with comprehensive instructions for their participation in the workshops.

2.5 Final confirmation from participants

This phase entails the final confirmation from participants who have been selected to attend the workshop. During this period, chosen participants will be required to confirm their attendance and ensure their availability for the workshop dates. Additionally, participants are encouraged to begin making necessary travel arrangements, such as exploring potential transport connections to ensure smooth and timely arrival.



A reserve list of applicants for each workshop will be established. In the event that any of the initially selected participants are unable to attend or need to drop out, we will extend invitations to individuals on the reserve list to fill any vacant spots, ensuring that we have a full roster of participants for the workshop.

2.6 Workshop

This phase encompasses the workshops where a diverse group of participants aged 18-30 with varied backgrounds and perspectives convene to partake in meaningful dialogues and activities focused on water-related subjects – for details about workshops, see FLOW D1.4: Final agenda and methodology for the workshops. Additionally, we intend to involve young individuals between the ages of 16-18 in the workshop locations, contingent upon their accompaniment by a tutor, parent, or youth worker, and in strict adherence to safety regulations and safeguarding policies.



3 APPLICATION

3.1 Application submission

Applicants will be required to fill out an application form using Microsoft Office Forms, which includes a series of questions to gather essential information. These questions cover various aspects, such as age, name, email address, country of residence, city of residence, gender, identification with specific groups (not mandatory), educational background, current status (employment, education, training), and personal experiences with water.

It is important to note that a commitment to upholding the highest standards of data protection and privacy is central to our process. The information collected through this application process will be used solely for the purposes outlined in the application form, in strict accordance with the relevant data protection laws. The data collected through the application form will be deleted no later than when the project comes to an end. The responses provided in the application form are valuable insights that will aid the project in understanding young individuals' perspectives and connections.

3.2 Inclusivity considerations

The selection committee will take into account the diversity of applicants, including factors such as gender, age, ethnicity, education, socio-cultural background, and geographical location. Special attention will be given to involving young adults who are typically not engaged in such activities, ensuring a well-rounded representation.

3.3 Motivation assessment

Applicants will be asked to provide their motivation by filling in the application form for participating in the workshop. This will help in understanding their personal interests and reasons for joining the program.

3.4 Expressing visions and thought-provoking reflections

One of the key components of the application process is the concise pitch of a maximum of 250 words. Applicants will be asked in the application form to imagine a scenario where they are seated next to Maros Sefcovic, the head of the Green Deal in the EU, during a two-minute bus ride. They will need to provide a clear and concise pitch outlining their thoughts and ideas on the future of water. This pitch will serve as an opportunity for applicants to express their unique perspectives on the topic.

As an integral part of the application process, candidates will encounter a thought-provoking question that transcends the boundaries of time and fiction. They will be tasked with the selection of two or three figures, drawn from any historical epoch (past, present, or future) or even beloved movie heroes or



characters, with whom they would choose to engage in a meaningful dialogue. This exercise delves into their historical and intellectual curiosity, encompassing not only the choices they make but also the essence of the imagined dialogue, the meticulously chosen location, and the atmosphere of this hypothetical assembly. This exercise provides a nuanced perspective into the diverse range of outlooks and interests that collectively shape each applicant's distinctive worldview, all within the thematic framework of human-water relations.

3.5 Data consent

Applicants will be required to consent to the use and storage of their personal data and answers for project purposes. This includes acknowledging that their information will be collected and processed in compliance with the regulations of the European Commission and stored by Volonteuropa in accordance with relevant data protection laws.

3.6 Participant wellbeing and safety measures

During the application process, participants will have the opportunity to communicate any safety or health concerns they may have. This proactive approach ensures that we can cater to their specific needs and concerns, further enhancing the well-being and safety of each individual throughout their workshop experience. Our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment remains unwavering, and we value participants' input in this regard.

3.7 Ethical consent

Participants will be duly informed that as part of their workshop engagement, they will be requested to complete and submit comprehensive ethical consent forms. These consent forms cover different purposes, including general data collection and communication. Additionally, partners responsible for research, who will be observing participants' insights and actions in the Experiential Futures Workshops, will ask for consent for the collection of data for research purposes. The specific requirements for research data collection consent will depend on the regulations and guidelines followed by their respective institutions.

3.8 GDPR compliance

Participants will be informed in the application form that their data will be handled in strict accordance with the relevant data protection laws. Our commitment to GDPR compliance reflects our dedication to upholding the highest standards of data protection and privacy, ensuring that participants' information will be used solely for the purposes outlined in our consent form.



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.

UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, and Volonteuropa, are the partners of the project, representing, respectively, Norway, Germany and Belgium.

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 Workshops – in an innovative way, FLOW engages youth in intergenerational just and transdisciplinary research.

Bringing together young people from across Europe will give the FLOW Project 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.

Young individuals will help us to gather their opinions from different regions on the future of water!

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

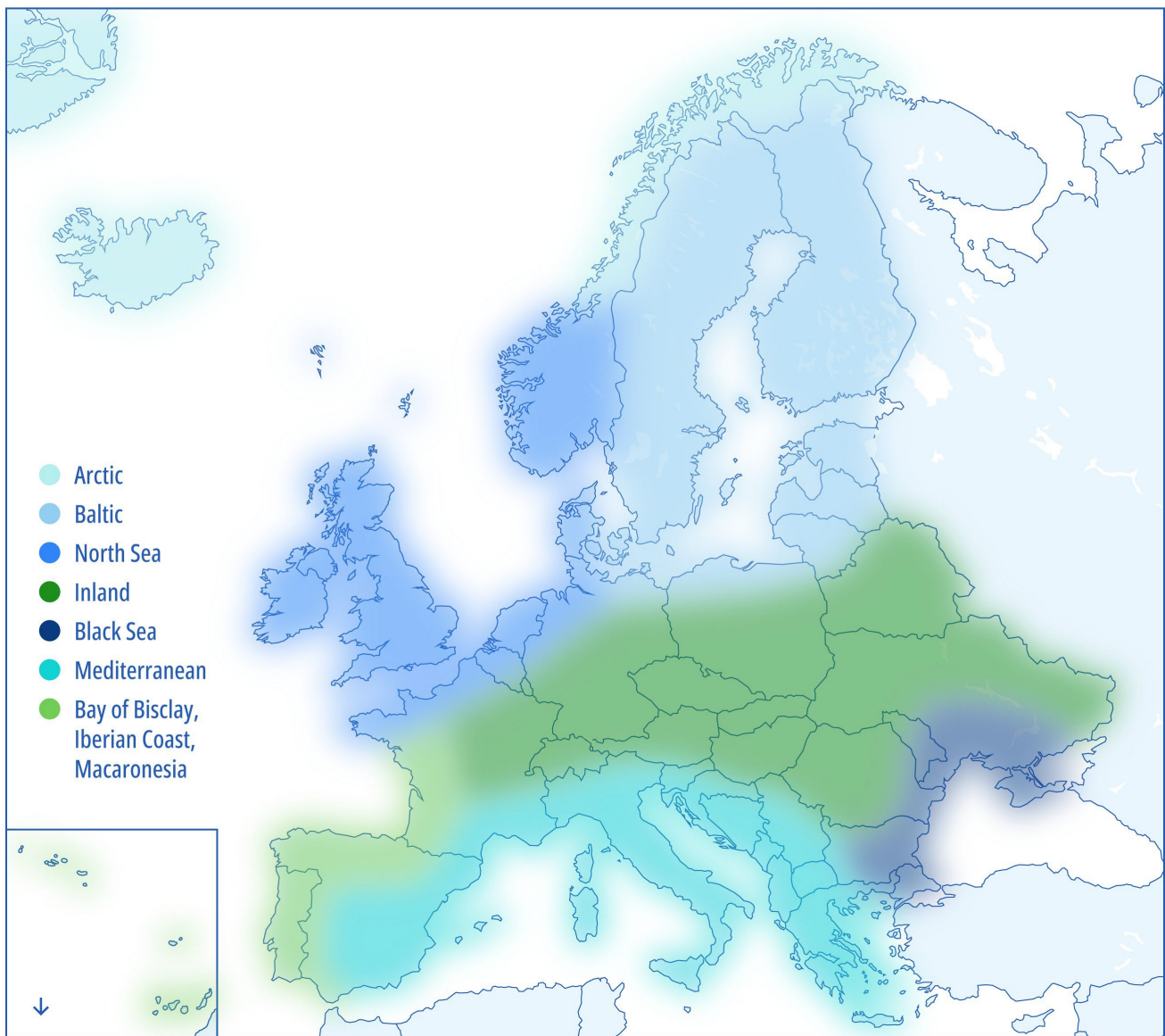
Young individuals may be concerned about plastic waste in the ocean but still have fun surfing. Or they may not think much about rivers but may still be concerned about floods. Maybe the same young individuals cannot stand the smell of fish but are still impressed by the sea people in Avatar. Either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

Young individuals taking part in the Experiential Future Workshops, meeting young individuals across Europe and guiding us through future projections on water.

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

Their participation in the FLOW workshops will help researchers and stakeholders to understand better how young individuals 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
more
than
two-
thirds
of our
planet's
surface!



The FLOW project map of seven bio-geographic regions

Participating in the FLOW Experiential Futures Workshops will offer young individuals an interesting network, travel opportunities, exciting workshops and insights into science and policymaking around "watery" themes.

Young people aged 18-30 from different countries will be taking part in the Experiential Futures Workshops by representing their countries that neighbour one of the regions outlined below. Furthermore, participants will get to know our research team and other young Europeans interested in co-creating the future of engagement for the well-being of oceans, rivers, and lakes.

As 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.

List of Countries

Black Sea

Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey, Ukraine

Mediterranean Sea

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

Bay of Biscay, Iberian Coast, Macaronesia

Spain, France, Portugal

North Sea

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

Baltic Sea

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

Arctic Sea

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

Inland

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 concrete to be discussed in a participatory way.

Furthermore, workshops will follow a transdisciplinary approach of FLOW, encouraging young individuals to reveal to us insight into the future of human-water relations through their own lens. As such, insights into 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 by launching open calls – managed by Volonteuropa – engaging with Volonteuropa members and making use of social media ads, especially on Instagram and LinkedIn where most young people spend their time either to enjoy their time or seek for opportunities.

Let's get the conversation flowing!



Selection Criteria for taking part in the FLOW Experiential Futures Workshops

Participants:

- Must be between 18 and 30 years old.
- Have at least intermediate English language (speaking, reading, writing)
- Have no visa requirement to travel to workshop locations.
- Record a 1-2-minute-long video at the end of the application form or answer the relevant questions that are there to replace the question of the video.
- Follow Flow Project's social media accounts.

How to apply?

Each workshop application form will include a QR code that applicants can access and scan directly. This QR code will be provided alongside the application form, making it convenient for applicants to access the necessary information and complete their application seamlessly.

Timeline

TASK	DATE
PHASE 01 LAUNCH OF THE SELECTION CALL	TBD
PHASE 02 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS	TBD
PHASE 03 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS	TBD
PHASE 04 FINAL CONFIRMATION FROM PARTICIPANTS	TBD
PHASE 05 WORKSHOP	TBD

