



## OPEN CALL | Re-Start Experience

One man's TRASH  
Another man's TREASURE

**Submission Deadline: 30.09.2020**

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*Re-Start Experience* | 26.10 - 13.11.2020 at Gallery SKC  
| organised by SOMAMA

### **Art students from APURI - we are calling on your creativity!**

This open call is directed to all students and alumni from the Academy of Applied Arts Rijeka. We are seeking art students to participate in a mixed media exhibition, *Re-Start Experience*, that is taking place 26.10 - 13.11.2020 at Gallery SKC.

The exhibition is organised by the Spanish cultural association, SOMAMA, and is part of the official cultural programme of Rijeka European Capital of Culture 2020.

### **Content of the exhibition and why it matters**

Viruses are natural phenomena, as are fluctuations in climate. Reckless consumption and disregard of the limitations of natural resources and planetary health, on the other hand, are not.

The linkages between the current global pandemic, the climate crisis and racial- as well as socio-economic disparities are putting prevailing frameworks into question. Moreover, they amplify the immediate necessity for thoughtful and significant action on behalf of governments, communities and individuals.

Our perspective of private versus shared space has, by force, changed. The requirement to re-think how we share spaces with people as well as species and natural resources is relevant now more than ever.

In a series of different spaces that are inspired by the notions of *Home - Supermarket - Forest - Sea*, *Re-Start Experience* explores current environmental issues and raises questions about waste and consumption and the ways in which individual habits can influence environmental well-being.

Starting from the concept of the 3 R's: Reduce - Reuse - Recycle, the exhibition showcases artworks and installations that serve to inspire, offer alternative and creative uses of "waste material" and to continue the necessary conversation on Sustainability.

The exhibition will take place as a fluid intervention, meaning that the gallery will turn into an open atelier space for the duration of the exhibition. Beginning with a display of raw materials and ending with a symbolic auctioning of the artworks, during which time visitors are invited to witness the transformation.

Visual teaser: <https://youtu.be/BPgsXDVCHhk>

## **Production of the exhibition**

Sustainability will be reflected in the content as well as in the production of the exhibition. Re-use of locally sourced materials, kindly provided by the local recycling company Čistoća, will propel a low-waste/high impact approach manifesting the concept of the 3 R's.

The artworks may stimulate all of the senses; sight, touch, hearing, taste and/or smell. For this reason we welcome all mediums and materials as long as they do not cause a hazard.

Materials provided By Čistoća:

- Plastic
- Wood (old furniture, pallet, etc...)
- Old furniture
- Electronic devices (computers, keyboards, speakers, etc...)
- Metal

\* We invite applicants to propose the use of materials which may not be included above.

Suggested mediums:

- Installations
- Sculptures
- Audiovisual works
- Mixed media

## **Submission of proposal**

Your proposal must include the following:

- Applicants may apply individually or as a group
- Estimated dimensions of the works in centimetres (length x width x height)
- All concepts of the artworks must be presented by a sketch, an image or a video that followed by a short text explaining the concept of the artwork
- All applicants should submit an artist statement of up to 500 words
- All submissions must mention the desired raw materials to be used in order to create the artwork and the estimated quantities.

To submit your application, please fill out the document 'Call for proposals' by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/ARg1jTXozR6e7a8Q8>

If you have any comments or questions, you can send us an email to: [somama.team@gmail.com](mailto:somama.team@gmail.com)

## **Dates and Deadlines**

Submission deadline: 30.09.2020

Notification of selected participants: 05.10.2020

Online Workshop/interview session with Čistoća : first half of October

Preliminary production of artworks: 09.10.2020 - 20.10.2020

Set up of exhibition: 20-25.10.2020

Exhibition duration: 26.10-13.11.2020

## **About SOMAMA Association**

SOMAMA Association is a cultural association registered in Spain that is dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and active local community engagement through interactive mixed media exhibitions.

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