

## OPEN CALL: EXHIBITION 'ART FOR A CLIMATE-SOCIAL CITY'

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We invite artists to join us in shaping the future of a just and sustainable world: The exhibition *Art for a Climate-Social City* seeks bold, thought-provoking artistic contributions that take a stand on the intertwined crises of climate change and social justice. The exhibition is part of the research project "Klimasoziales Linz", which stems from the book "Klimasoziale Politik" (2021)<sup>1</sup>. Both the book and the project explore the multiple ways climate and social issues intersect and propose forward-thinking political measures for creating climate-social futures.

### **SPECULATE, INTERVENE, POINT OUT, STIR UP, COMMUNICATE, . . .!**

We welcome artistic expressions that make climate-social futures visible and tangible in everyday urban life. *Art for a Climate-Social City* seeks to engage the public, foster dialogue, strengthen activist's positions, and challenge perspectives on how climate and social justice intersect, particularly in urban spaces.

A jury of experts will select works that align clearly with the exhibition's theme. We are particularly interested in projects with a connection to the city of Linz. We encourage submissions across a wide range of media, including but not limited to: painting, sculpture, photography, installation, video, performance, experimental literature, digital art. Each artist or collective may submit up to three pieces of work.

### **TIME AND LOCATION OF THE EXHIBITION**

The exhibition will take place from 3 April to 30 April 2025 across various public meeting zones, social locations, shop windows in the city of Linz. These spaces will be accessible to the public in their daily routines or through (self-)guided walks, offering an immersive experience of art in the city. Further information on the locations and opening times of the exhibition will be announced soon. The opening event is expected to take place on 3 April 2025.

In addition to the exhibition, a publication highlighting the selected works and the artistic positions represented is planned, providing further visibility and engagement with the themes explored on.

### **THEME OF THE EXHIBITION**

The central theme of the exhibition is the climate-social society. Some guiding questions that address this theme and expand on the exhibition's focus include:

*How can we achieve an emission-free and socially just society?*

*How can a climate-social city of the future look like, in which both, global warming and social coldness have been overcome?*

*How can everyone lead a self-determined life without jeopardizing their own or others' livelihood?*

*How can we highlight the political, public, and media-driven tensions between climate issues and social concerns? What can be done to overcome those tensions?*

*How can the perspectives of those most affected by climate and social crises be made visible and thus become part of the negotiation for a climate-social society?*

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<sup>1</sup> Published by Armutskonferenz, Attac and Beigewum 2021. The introduction, all book chapters and a short leaflet are freely available on the website [klimasozial.at](https://klimasozial.at) (only in German).

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Submissions are possible in German or English and should be submitted in digital form.

Please send all documents as a single PDF file (max. 10 MB) to [lisa.lorenz\[at\]klimasozial.at](mailto:lisa.lorenz[at]klimasozial.at) by 6 January 2025, 11:59 pm.

The submission should include:

- (1) Images or video stills of the work and link to high-resolution image and video material,
- (2) title and short description (800 characters incl. spaces) of the work submitted,
- (3) artist's biography (250 characters incl. spaces) and
- (4) an exhibition sketch outlining the proposed exhibition format.

## SELECTION AND JURY

Submissions will be assessed by a jury of experts from the fields of art, social science and practitioners in social politics and environmental affairs.

The following criteria will guide the selection process:

- Artistic quality and originality
- Relevance to the theme of the exhibition
- Innovative thinking and creative approach
- Feasibility within the exhibition concept

Additionally, we strongly encourage sustainable practices in the artistic process, such as the use of recyclable materials and minimizing waste.

## RECOGNITION

We award a flat-rate artist fee of 500 euros per selected exhibition item.

We look forward to receiving a wide range of submissions and collaborating to create an to working together to create an inspiring exhibition that helps to shape a climate-social city!

The "Climate-Social Linz" project team

**Climate-Social Linz** is an applied research project funded by the Climate Fund of the City of Linz, which is carried out in cooperation with various civil society and scientific actors in Vienna and Linz from June 2023 to May 2025. For further information on and results of the project, visit our website: [www.klimasozial.at](http://www.klimasozial.at).

If you have questions regarding the Open Call, please reach out to [lisa.lorenz\[at\]klimasozial.at](mailto:lisa.lorenz[at]klimasozial.at)

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