

Urban ReLeaf - Call for Creative Proposals

About the Opportunity

We invite artists, creative practitioners, designers, and community facilitators to apply for a Euro 2,500 commission to bring urban climate stories and data to life.

Through this commission, you will work closely with community members to make data and stories collected by local residents visible, meaningful, and engaging for the wider community. We want to create creative experiences that spark conversation, elevate community voices, and inspire action.

Why This Matters

Climate change affects us all, but not everyone experiences it equally. Some neighbourhoods have less green space, hotter streets, or poorer air quality. The data collected by local residents tells real stories about how people experience their city every day.

What's Urban ReLeaf?

This is part of the Urban ReLeaf project, which helps cities become greener, healthier, and more connected by involving residents in collecting environmental data about their local urban spaces.

Citizens have gathered data on:

Urban heat and thermal comfort

Now we want to work with a creative practitioner to turn this data into something the whole city can experience, enjoy, and reflect on.

You don't need to be a scientist. We're looking for creativity, curiosity, and an interest in working with people and places.

What support will be available

- You'll work closely with the Urban ReLeaf team, including community organisations, city partners, and researchers.
- We will support community engagement activities, help you access the data, and can offer facilitation or mentoring where needed.
- We'll support a final showcase and promotion through Urban ReLeaf's local and European networks.
- The final exhibition of the work will be in one of the urban green spaces under study at the end of the campaign



What we're looking for

We welcome creative ideas to represent urban heat and thermal comfort perception, including (but not limited to):

- Media e.g. photography and video
- Visual maps, illustrations, paintings and posters
- Street art
- Traditional crafts e.g. wood, clay, textiles
- Performance e.g. dance, theatre, poetry, musical

Who can apply?

You do not need prior experience working with scientific or environmental data.

- Artists, designers, performers, facilitators, creative collectives, photographers and video makers or other creative fields
- Practitioners interested in community co-creation, environmental, social, or justice issues



Guidelines

The commission

- **Budget:** €2,500 (this includes your fee, materials, travel, production and any expenses).
- **Delivery period:** over approx. 3–4 months, starting from 1st of September
- **Location:** Cascais

How we'll select:

Proposals will be assessed in two phases,

- Phase 1 Submission of your short proposal and paperwork
- Phase 2 Short interview (online) for shortlisted submissions

| Criteria | Proportion |
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| Community engagement approach | 35% |
| Communication, quality & creativity of proposal | 25% |
| Budget feasibility & delivery plan | 20% |
| Track record e.g. evidence of skills and prior projects | 20% |

Key Dates (tbc)

Call Opens | [18th of July]

Submission Deadline | [18th of August]

Interviews | [21st – 25th August]

Commission Awarded | [28th of August]

Community Engagement Begins | [3rd of September]

Delivery & Activation | [30th of September]

Evaluation & Wrap-up | [6th of October]



How to apply

Please submit your proposal and documents to: [Bárbara Coelho, clima@cascaisambiente.pt]

If you have questions or access needs, contact [Bárbara Coelho, clima@cascaisambiente.pt]. We're happy to discuss adjustments or support to make applying accessible for you.

What we need from you (essential)

1. A short proposal (max 2 pages) including the headings:

- Your idea and how you'll approach it
- How you'll involve the community
- What kind of creative outputs you're imagining
- Any thoughts on legacy or longer-term impact

2. A simple budget breakdown,

3. A rough timeline.

4. Up to 5 examples of relevant work.

5. A short biography or CV

6. 2 references

Additional Notes

- Urban ReLeaf values inclusion and sustainability. We encourage low-carbon, ethical production.
- We will help connect you with local groups and provide guidance on working with community data.
- Successful projects may be showcased across Urban ReLeaf's European network.

Your proposal should ideally

- Involve and include local people who contributed to the data
- Spark curiosity and connection
- Be accessible and engaging for broad audiences
- Reflect a commitment to climate justice, inclusion, and environmental responsibility
- Consider sustainable and ethical production approaches