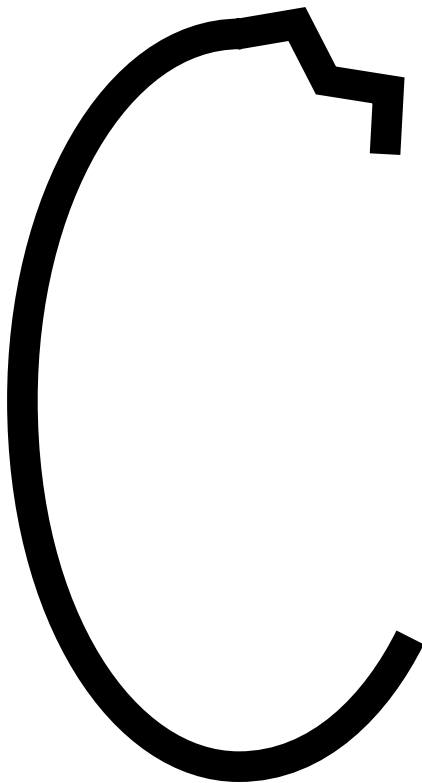


# Open Call Venice Biennale Architecture 2023 - development budget

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**The Creative Industries Fund NL is calling on designers to submit a proposal to participate in the 18th edition of the Venice Biennale Architecture, which will be held from 20 May to 26 November 2023. Only Dutch architects, landscape architects, spatial designers and researchers who have been invited to this exhibition, can submit proposals for projects with which they deliver a substantive contribution to one of the main locations, such as the Arsenale or the Giardini country pavilions. Deadline: 9 November 2022.**

With this edition's theme, *The Laboratory of the Future*, head curator Lesley Lokko wants to key into, at various levels, the social role of architecture and the relationship between race, culture and space based on two big issues: decolonization and energy transition. She places the continent of Africa at the heart of the laboratory of the future, with both issues being interlinked in many ways. At the same time, Lokko sees the biennale itself as a laboratory, where the discipline's relevance to the present and future world is extensively analyzed and discussed. Read Lokko's curatorial statement [here](#).

### who is this open call intended for?

One condition for participating in this open call is a substantive motivation from a hosting party and/or head curator. The development budget will only be made available to studies or projects that have been selected for the main exhibition during the Venice Biennale Architecture 2023, such as:

- additional research to already conducted or ongoing researches;
- speculative or artistic interventions on the basis of an existing or ongoing project;
- designing and exhibiting an existing or ongoing research/project/experiment;
- projects that are aimed at sharing knowledge, for example a publication, display, event or symposium.

### objective

With this open call, the Fund intends to present the excellent quality of Dutch architecture and urban development at an international event. Grants will be awarded on the basis of the [Open Call Grant Scheme](#), with which the Fund pursues the following objectives:

- supporting reflection and debate;
- promoting the development of artistic quality in architecture;
- stimulating experiment and research;
- strengthening the design disciplines' international position.

### what is assessed?

The Fund and external advisers will select a number of proposals from all the entries. This will take place on the basis of the following three criteria:

- *artistic value of the presentation*  
The artistically relevant principles of the proposal and the relation to the main theme within the context of the main exhibition will be assessed;
- *relevance to contemporary architectural practice*  
The expected opportunities and contribution the presentation creates for the applicant and international architectural practice will be examined;
- *effectiveness of the proposed plan*  
The extent to which the content and the form of the project reinforce each other and in that way are distinctive will also be checked.

### submission

You can submit your proposal up to and including **9 November 2022** via the Creative Industries Fund NL's [online application environment](#). Select 'Development budget for The Laboratory of the Future'.

The proposal should consist of:

- 1 a fully completed application form;
- 2 a brief project plan (6 pages at most, A4 in PDF format), including:
  - a a clear, brief description of the goal and set-up of the project;
  - b a personal motivation for participating in the biennale;
  - c a description of the location;
  - d relevant visual material of the work of the participants involved and an image that gives an impression of the proposed project;
- 3 a plan and a budget including a financial plan specifying the status of the co-financing (1 page at most, A4 in PDF format). A maximum amount of € 25,000 can be applied for within this open call;
- 4 a digitally certified extract, issued no more than one year ago, from the Commercial Register of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce or from one of the Chambers of Commerce that fall within the Kingdom of the Netherlands;
- 5 a brief communications plan with a description of the target groups and how they are going to be reached;
- 6 a brief CV or biography of the designer(s) involved (2 pages at most, A4 in PDF format);
- 7 a substantive motivation from the hosting party and/or curator;
- 8 a representative image of the project, to be used by the Fund for communication purposes, the necessary rights to which are held by the applicant;
- 9 a portfolio (10 pages at most, A4 in PDF format).

If the entry does not meet the description above, no substantive assessment can take place.

*Please note:*

- Make sure you create an account for the [online application environment](#) in good time and familiarize yourself with the application form. Validating a new user account can take up to 1 working day.
- Before submitting your application, please read through the [Open Call Grant Scheme](#).
- The Fund will not review draft proposals.

## **grant procedure**

The assessment is similar to a tender - this means that within the budget available, a number of proposals will be preferred over other ones. A maximum budget of € 50,000 is available for this open call. The Fund expects to be able to support at least two proposals with a maximum budget of € 25,000.

Only positively assessed projects will be supported. The submitted proposals will be processed and assessed on the basis of the Fund's [Open Call Grant Scheme](#) and in particular the extent to which the application meets the open call's criteria. The committee issues its advice to the Fund's board for each application.

## **acknowledgement of receipt and announcement of selection**

No later than one week after the closing date, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt via the Fund's online application environment. The selection from the processed proposals will be announced in the online application environment no later than at the end of December 2022. The Fund will only provide information about the selected proposals on its website. The rejected proposals will receive a negative decision.

## questions

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