

# CARAVANE

## *Climate Art Fusion*

### **Creative Europe: The Framework Behind CARAVANE**

This newsletter introduces Creative Europe as the institutional and conceptual framework that enables the CARAVANE – Climate Art Fusion project. Understanding this framework is essential to situating CARAVANE within a wider European effort to support culture, artistic cooperation, and civic dialogue across borders.

Creative Europe provides not only financial support, but also a shared set of values, principles, and responsibilities that shape how cultural projects are designed, implemented, and shared with society.

#### Creative Europe as a European Cultural Programme

Creative Europe is the European Union's funding programme dedicated to supporting the cultural and creative sectors across Europe. It aims to strengthen cross-border cooperation, promote artistic diversity, and increase access to culture for a wide range of audiences.

The programme recognises culture as a core component of European democratic life. Through Creative Europe, the European Union supports initiatives that encourage dialogue, mutual understanding, and participation, particularly in times of social, environmental, and political change.

A central objective of Creative Europe is to facilitate transnational collaboration. Projects supported under the programme bring together organisations and practitioners from different countries, enabling the exchange of perspectives, methods, and cultural practices across borders.

Creative Europe also places strong emphasis on inclusion and diversity. It encourages projects to engage participants from different social, cultural,

and geographic backgrounds, with particular attention to young people and those with fewer opportunities for international mobility.

The programme supports cultural responses to contemporary challenges. Climate change, sustainability, social cohesion, and civic engagement are recognised as themes that culture can address through creative, reflective, and participatory approaches.

Projects funded by Creative Europe are expected to operate within clear ethical and governance frameworks. Transparency, accountability, and respect for participants are treated as essential components of publicly funded cultural cooperation.

Dissemination and visibility are also central to the programme. Supported projects are encouraged to document their processes, reflect critically on their work, and share experiences with wider audiences through accessible formats.

By fostering networks rather than isolated initiatives, Creative Europe contributes to long-term cultural cooperation. Partnerships formed within projects often continue beyond the funding period, strengthening the European cultural ecosystem.

Within this framework, culture is understood not as an isolated sector, but as a space where social reflection, creativity, and collective imagination intersect.

#### Epilogue – Creative Europe as a Shared Cultural Space

Creative Europe provides the structural conditions that allow projects like CARAVANE to exist and operate across borders. It creates a shared cultural space in which cooperation, inclusion, and dialogue are actively supported.

This framework does not define artistic content, but it shapes the conditions under which cultural work can be carried out responsibly, collaboratively, and with long-term perspective. In doing so, it enables initiatives that contribute meaningfully to European cultural life.



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