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# WIRE HORIZON MISSION STUDENT PILOTS 2025

## Call for Proposals



## INTRODUCTION

### What is the call about?

WIRE by FilmEU brings together eight European higher education institutions to collaborate around the common objective of jointly promoting artistic research, innovation and educational activities in the multidisciplinary field of Film and Media Arts. This call is designed to **support the integration of young researchers.**

The WIRE Student pilots will test an innovative interdisciplinary agenda that promotes the use of artistic research to address the five Horizon Missions. This year, the FilmEU Alliance calls for proposals for new student pilots to work on the initiative for "Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities."

### Why this Horizon Mission?

What if your art and research could help drive the change our cities and planet need?

By embracing the Horizon Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, WIRE by FilmEU invites PhD students to propose bold, interdisciplinary pilot projects that tackle climate neutrality and smart cities through artistic research. In a world grappling with the realities of climate change, achieving climate neutrality is not just a goal – it is a necessity. This context begs the question: how can artistic practices reimagine sustainability, amplify scientific understanding, and inspire communities to act?

We seek artistic research projects that bring creative methodologies and enable us to think about positive change.

The proposal should ideally align with the topic and methodology of ongoing PhD research and could assist with, for instance: reimagining sustainable technologies through immersive artistic



interpretations; enhancing public engagement by visualising climate data in ways that resonate emotionally and intellectually; and challenging urban systems with new ideas for energy efficiency, sustainable transport, or circular economies. Additionally, consider the possibilities: from performances that narrate the story of energy transition to installations that render the invisible impacts of climate change tangible. These are just a few broad topics and prospects.

WIRE Horizon pilots aim to transform scientific insights into engaging narratives and experiences that spark curiosity, reflection, and action. This is a good opportunity to foster their scientific output, gain more experience, and push the boundaries of what artistic research can achieve in (and for) our cities.

### How can we help?

A student can be awarded up to **5.000 euros** in seminal funding for an interdisciplinary pilot project. Fundable items: **artistic production; dissemination** (i.e. participation in conferences; fee for open-source publication; **artistic exhibition**). The 5000€ included in this seed funding do not include mobility. Once the pilot is approved, the researcher should contact their HEI research coordinator about the mobility possibilities.

The maximum duration of a cluster is **12 months**, starting in June 2025 and ending in June 2026. Results are expected to be presented at the WIRE Research Days event, in Bratislava, in 2026

**The deadline for applications is 29 April.**



## WHAT IS EXPECTED?

### Requirements

*Sustainability, decarbonisation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, green infrastructure, circular economy, urban mobility, smart grids, IoT (internet of things), net zero emissions, electrification, eco-friendly design, carbon offsetting, climate resilience, and digitalization* - Use your creative imagination and cinematic, performative or any other specific artistic vision to enable carbon neutrality and promote smart cities soon.

- Student pilots can engage senior or junior researchers based at partner HEIs;
- FilmEU Doctus should be one of the academic events to engage new members and present the work carried out in the pilots;
- Artistic research outputs will be presented at the WIRE Research Days in Bratislava, in 2026. More information on ARE 2023: <https://are.filmeu.eu/>

**Learn more about this mission here:** [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters_en)

**[Application Form available here.](#)**

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