

### OPEN CALL FOR ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM Women Power in Comics project – WOMCOM Deadline: 31 May 2023

Are you creating comics, zines, web comics, manga, or illustrations? Do you view comics as a medium to tell stories from a feminine perspective and reclaim the power of women? Are you unhappy with the way women are portrayed in mainstream comics and pop culture products, particularly in Southeastern Europe? Would you like to help change that perception?

# Women Power in Comics (WOMCOM) invites you to create short comics during a series of residency programs, get feedback from mentors, be part of exhibitions, and join a creative regional network that promotes feminine voices and perspectives.

If you're interested in creating comics that challenge patriarchy, gender inequality, and other forms of social inequality, and would like to travel to meet other like-minded artists, then this residency program is perfect for you.

We are looking for artists who are passionate about storytelling and want to contribute to the vibrant world of comics by challenging gender stereotypes and diversifying representation in the comics field. Whether you specialize in traditional comic book art or have a unique style that pushes the boundaries of the medium, don't hesitate to apply. We are interested in creators who can bring fresh perspectives to the representation and portrayal of diverse characters and underrepresented voices in comics.

So if you are a comic artist looking for a platform to share your stories and art with the aim to contribute to reshaping the art of comics, the WOMCOM community is looking forward to meeting you.

### Are you interested in a residency? You can apply if

- You create comics, manga, web comics, zines, illustration, graphic design or other visual fields.
- You are over 18 by the start of the chosen residency program or by the start of the first residency program if you have chosen to apply for more.
- You are a national of the following countries: Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia or you are an EU national living in the listed countries.
- You are comfortable cooperating with others in English.

### As a resident, you will be expected

- to work on the comics project of your proposal
- to create minimum five (5), maximum nine (9) pages of comics that will be exhibited
- to exhibit the work you created during the two weeks of the residency
- to send your work to the printed anthology and to the online repository

More details about the residency at https://womcom.io/residencies/.

### Some useful information for you:



- An applicant can apply to multiple residency programmes.
- You can apply to a residency organised by the country you are the national or resident of, too. That is, Croatians are welcome to apply to the Zagreb residency too, etc.
- Should you be selected, you will get notified about the result of the application by 20 June 2023 (midnight).

## To apply fill out our application form (below link). For this process, it would be good that you prepare in advance the following:

- 3-10 images you have created OR link to your website OR social media account(s)
- A short bio (max. 1500 characters).
- Short text about your motivation (you will need to type/copy it there). Write about your artistic aims and how you think this project can help you. In the case you are applying for both residencies, please provide clear explanation of why are you applying for both of them (max. 3000 characters).

Ready? Click on this link to access the WOMCOM OPEN CALL 2023.

**Women Power in Comics (WOMCOM)** is a collaborative initiative that brings together partners from Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia with the goal of empowering female comic artists and addressing gender issues in the comics field. The project is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Commission.

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