



Shylock Centro Universitario Teatrale Di Venezia

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

***Climate CHANCE* - 14th edition - year 2026**

The Climate Crisis

CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

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Final event ATENEIO VENETO - Venice, November 26th 2026

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Art.1 ORGANIZERS AND SUBJECT

Shylock University Theatre Center of Venice (the "organizers") announces the international communication and creativity competition for published and unpublished works, **Climate ChanCe - 14th edition 2026**.

The organizers invite the creation and submission of creative works of any genre that highlight proactive messages, methods, and opportunities for interacting with the environment and the effects induced by the climate crisis.

The competition highlights the urgency of action to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change as called for by the international scientific community and the United Nations at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, through the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) with its 2018 Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C (SR15) and its March 2023 Synthesis Report (AR6), the WMO State of the Global Climate 2025 report published in March 2026, and the European State of the Climate Report (ESOTC 2025) published in April 2026 by the Copernicus Climate Change Service and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The initiative is also based on evidence of worsening extreme weather events worldwide.

Art. 2 PARTICIPATION SECTIONS

SECTION 1 Nomination of unpublished works and projects.

SECTION 2 Indication of published or public works and projects by authors, publishers or third parties (individuals or corporations, connected or not connected to the works).

The rights to use and publish the works, in case of selection, must be transferrable free of charge and in non-exclusive form to the organizers and/or the chosen publishers.

Works as at section 2, whose rights have already been granted exclusively to third parties, can be nominated for recognition by the jury. The status of the granting of rights for the indications made by parties not connected to the works will be checked by the organizers.

The author and/or nominator can take part in both sections and with multiple works for each section.

Art. 3 TYPES OF WORKS

WRITTEN WORKS

UNPUBLISHED WRITTEN WORKS

Writings of any kind, in Italian (or a foreign language with Italian translation), can be nominated, with the following maximum lengths:

short texts: 30.000 (thirty thousand) characters including spaces;

small books: 100.000 (one hundred thousand) characters including spaces.

Texts in English (without translation) are accepted from foreign authors only if under 10.000 (ten thousand) characters, including spaces, possibly with a brief synopsis in English and/or Italian.

There is no minimum length of text.

Solely as an example, and not exhaustive, the following genres may be nominated: short stories of any kinds, fiction, poetry, diaries, interviews, articles, investigations, reportage, dialogues, testimonies, letters to social, political or spiritual leaders, slogans, blogs, writing on any kind of stuff, and any other textual form.

PUBLISHED WRITTEN WORKS

Written works that have already been published, of any genre and length, in Italian or other language, possibly with a translation or brief synopsis in Italian and/or English, can be nominated. A brief comment on the reason for the indication and the details of the nominator are requested along with specifications of the work indicated.

OTHER KINDS OF WORKS

OTHER KINDS OF UNPUBLISHED WORKS

Creative and communicative works made using the most diverse expressive media and techniques can be nominated. Solely as an example, but not exhaustive, the following may be nominated: traditional, digital and multimedia art works, figurative and photographic works, shirt art works, fashion art, street art, video, cartoons, theatre, dance, music and other performances, with digital documentation.

OTHER KINDS OF PUBLISHED WORKS

Creative and communicative works of any kind can be nominated.

INDICATIONS FOR THE 2026 COMPETITION

Candidates are asked to identify strategic, propositional elements and new opportunities in the human, social, scientific or technological fields, based on real events or representations of new views.

The 2026 competition focuses particular, though **not exclusive, attention** on the following subjects:

- Investigations into the impact of extreme weather events: landscape disruption and the human factor, key players, testimonies and victims.
- Mobility: public and private transportation, inefficiencies and/or success stories.
- Sustainable alternatives to fast fashion: stories of reused or eco-friendly clothing.
- Links between gender-based violence and aggressive human actions against the natural environment.
- Experiences of social and environmental adaptation.
- Northern Italy: the contrast between its status of economic "well-being" and its record for the worst air quality in Europe (and being part of the Mediterranean climate hotspot)
- Venice: a potential environmental laboratory and a glaring example of unsustainable management.
- Europe: temperatures rising faster than the rest of the world. Where and how to live?
- Heat waves in the summer of 2026 in Europe and the rest of the world.

Art.4 PARTICIPANTS

All authors of any nationality who have reached 18 years of age at the competition expiry date (September 30th 2026) can take part in the competition. Individual authors, collectives and formal corporations can enter. Younger people with a minimum 15 years old age can participate only through a school subscription or organization.

Art. 5 Participation / Registration

A registration fee is required to take part in **section 1 (only for unpublished works and projects)** of

20 euros for individual authors

30 euros for authors in collective form of two or more people

40 euros for corporations and formal associations

No registration fee is required from authors under 18 and students of any kind attending Venetian schools, universities, academies etc.

The single payment is valid for any number of nominated works and must be made as follows:

- Bank transfer made out to SHYLOCK CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO TEATRALE DI VENEZIA c/o E.S.U. - San Polo 2549 - 30125 VENEZIA - ITALY

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The description of the reason for payment is: "Contest *Climate ChanCe 2026*" Copy of the payment receipt should be sent by email with the work.

No registration fee is required for section 2.

Art. 6 PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING WORKS

Section 1

Works should be sent to concorso@cut.it in .doc or .rtf format for texts, and jpeg no larger than 5 MB for images and videos etc. Larger formats should be sent via [wetransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com).

Details of the author (name, surname, address, date and place of birth, telephone number, email address, school or university attended, if applicable, qualifications and/or profession and current employment status) and the name of the work should be shown in the email, along with an indication of the nomination section.

The following should be attached to the email:

1) The works and any explanatory material

The file relating to unpublished written works should contain only the text and the title of the work, without the name of the author.

The file relating to other unpublished works should contain only the work, whose title should be the same as the name of the file.

A brief explanation of non-textual works should be attached in a separate file.

2) copy of the inscription fee payment receipt.

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Section 2

Documentation of the Section 2 works should be sent to concorso@cut.it in .doc or .rtf format for texts, and jpeg no larger than 5 MB for images, video etc. Larger formats should be sent via wettransfer.com.

A copy of the work or indications for its visualization or reading are requested, along with details of the nominators, authors and publishers, of any commissioners and locations, web links and a brief comment by the nominator on the choice of work. It is preferable that a complete copy of the textual work is sent in digital form or hard copy.

Art. 7 COPYRIGHT ON THE WORK

Any agreement on the free and non-exclusive granting of copyright for foreign authors will be signed after the selection.

Art. 8 SELECTION AND PUBLICATION

A jury of representatives from the cultural and scientific sectors will select an undefined number of winning works. The names of the jurors are published on the website www.cut.it The nominators where these are not the authors and the most effective comments supporting the works will also be indicated for section 2.

The organizers intend publishing products in digital and/or printed form, with a preface by renowned representatives of the cultural sector or using the works for multi-media productions and projects, exhibitions or live performances.

Particular indications may be made between the participants on the basis of age, with particular emphasis given to those under 35.

In the case of identifying works or partial extracts for reproduction on informative and promotional material produced by the organizers (e.g. T-shirts, promotional merchandise and publications) the author will be contacted for a specific agreement. Consideration will be given to publication on www.unive.it, website of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, and on the websites of other bodies associated with the project.

The organizers reserve the right to award additional prizes or recognitions of any kind.

The selection does not place any obligation on the organizers, who reserve the right to decide whether or not to go ahead with publishing products and the complete or partial publication of the works.

The decisions of the organizers and jury are final.

Art. 9 EXPIRY DATES

The works and documentation must be sent **by midnight on September 30th 2026 for all the participants** to concorso@cut.it. The results will be announced in November 2026. The authors of the winning works will be notified by email.

A public presentation will be held at ATENEO VENETO of Venice on November 26th 2026.

Art. 10 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The announcement in English or Italian can be downloaded at www.cut.it www.unive.it/cambiamenticlimatici
For information: concorso@cut.it

Art. 11 ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION

Participation in the competition implies acceptance of all the rules shown in this announcement.

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