Floating Room Competition | 11 May – 1 Sep

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intro

Water isolates, multiplies and reflects.
Living on water is a challenge that humans have been taking up for a long time.

The Amsterdam houseboats and the Floating Piers at Lake Iseo by Christo + JC show the charm of creating a relationship with water. Besides being a peninsula in the heart of the Mediterranean sea, Italy is also a country rich of water bodies, like lakes, lagoons, canals and streams.

Archistart, continuing the focus on tourism themes, promotes Floating Room Competition, a contest aimed at imagining an experimental architecture, a floating Hotel Room, a privileged point of view and a new link with the landscape or the urban context.

theme

The competition requires to design a double/twin **"special room"** with restroom, imagining it to be placed on natural or artificial water bodies, like Lake Iseo or La Darsena (Milan's city dock) - by way of example.

The proposals will be evaluated considering the relationship with the context and the architectural innovation level.

The architectural volume should have a maximum size of 25 sq m and a maximum height of 5 m, based on a platform of maximum 30 sq m. The room should be provided with a sleeping accommodation for 2 people, a restroom/wellness area and any possible special spaces.

Participants are free to choose the materials and the space distribution, both in plan and elevation.

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The Floating Piers
temporary site-specific art installation by the artists Christo + JC, conceived as a walkway across the banks of Lake Iseo.

* Lake Iseo or Darsena are just examples you can place your structure in the context you prefer.

how to apply

Partecipation fee

1ST APPLICATION PERIOD
11 MAY - 9 JULY

↘ **60 €**

2ND APPLICATION PERIOD
10 JULY - 1 SEPTEMBER

↘ **80 €**

The fee is charged per project, not per person - i.e. in case of a team proposal, the fee should be paid once, whichever is the number of the members.

How to apply

SIGN UP ON WWW.ARCHISTART.NET

CREATE YOUR GROUP *
if you join the contest as a team, create your group

SELECT 'ACTIVE COMPETITION'
and choose FRC2017

CLICK ON 'CLICK HERE TO JOIN'

FILL THE FORM WITH
name of the project, group or individual participation and payment method

YOU'LL FIND YOUR PROJECT IN 'MY PORTFOLIO'
only you can see your project; at the end of the competition your project will be made public.

EDIT YOUR PROJECT
add the cover picture, the detailing images, description and the board (A1 sheet)

How to create a group *

CLICK ON 'CREATE A NEW GROUP'
in 'my groups'

INVITE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
click on 'send invites' if they are already registered on the archistart platform, if they are not registered yet, click on 'send invitation by email'

Payment

PAY PAL
CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS

The application to the contest will be carried out immediately. We will send you an email with a uniqueID that you will put on your board.

BANK TRANSFER

The application paid via bank transfer is not immediate.
When the receipt of payment will be received, we will send you an email with a uniqueID that you will put on your board

* Once the application is confirmed and the payment is received, the application fee cannot be reimbursed.
** Archistart will refer to the date of the reception of the deposit, not to the date when the payment has been made.

If you choose the bank transfer method, please consider that you will need to make the payment within the end of the registration period, otherwise your competition registration will be canceled and you will need to subscribe again and pay the highest fee of the next registration period.

After you have chosen the payment method, your project, visible in 'my portfolio', will be marked as:

DRAFT

so you can edit your project, upload the table, add description and detailing images.
The project is not public, only the participant or group members can see the project.

PENDING

The project will be visible as PENDING:
- when choosing bank transfer as Payment Method, the project cannot be changed (when the payment is verified the project will be modified as DRAFT)
- during jury evaluation

payment
methods

presentation

Presentation

The project must be presented with one table in **DIN-A1 (horizontal) format.**

The table must report exclusively the competition name and the application code > **FRC2017 - uniqueID** (the table itself must be named in the same way)

If the name of the team or its members, or any explicit reference appear so that it is possible to associate the project to the team or its members, the proposal will be banned without any possibility of refund.

The contents and the presentation of the table are under the full responsibility and freedom of the participants, which can adopt any graphic tool to make better understand the design idea.
Anyway we suggest to include at least:
- Main plans
- Sections (partial or total)
- 3D Views

Not only the idea and the quality of the project will be considered as important, but also the clearness and the representation skills, so that the content is expressed at best. Short captions are also allowed but only in Italian or English, other languages will not be taken in consideration.

The table must be exclusively in Jpeg format and DIN-A1 (hotizontal size), with a maximum weight of 3 Mb.
A 72 dpi resolution is suggested, but also bigger resolutions are allowed (as long as the file doesn't exceed 3 Mb).

In addition to the table you can also add further details about your project:
- cover (mandatory)
- description (mandatory)
- 2 images max 1MB (optional)

anyway just the A1 table will be evaluated in the contest

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🏆 Prize money

1ST	2ND	3RD
1500 €	700 €	300 €

⭐ Special mention

free admission to an Archistart contest

f Social prize

1ST PLACE

free admission to an IAH event

2ND PLACE

free admission to an Archistart contest

3RD PLACE

free admission to an Archistart contest

*The projects will be made public on Archistart portal from 23/09/2017 and can be voted until 12/10/2017
** in order to vote you will need to register on www. archistart.net, get into the project and click on 'like project'*

awards

'New' Darsena of Milan
renovation of the water basin located in the south area of Milan, which used to be an important element of the extensive network of canals of the city.

Calendar

↘ **11th May**
application opening

↘ **1st September (11:59 pm)**
application deadline

↘ **8th September (11:59 pm)**
submission deadline

* The project of each participant or group will change from 'Draft' to 'Pending'

↘ **from 9th to 22nd September**
jury evaluation

↘ **from 23rd September to 12th October (11:59 pm)**
voting on www.archistart.net for social prize

↘ **16th October**
results

Italy time zone (UTC+2)

Admission criteria

The competition is open to **university students, graduates and young professionals under 32 years**. Every member of the team must fulfill at least one of the above mentioned criteria, with reference to the start date of the competition, proving it by appropriate documentation.

Intellectual property

Archistart will have the full authority to publish and promote the material, always indicating the author, who will remain the owner of the idea of the project. By participating to the competition you allow Archistart to publish and diffuse the received material, and to modify it for adaptations to publication formats.

Evaluation criteria

The winning projects will be selected according to the following methods:

1- **Delivery to the jury:** all the projects will be delivered to the jury, that will judge the works basing on the criteria of the competition.
2 - **Selection**: the jury will choose the winners of the 3 prizes and the honorable mentions.I criteri di valutazione sono i seguenti:
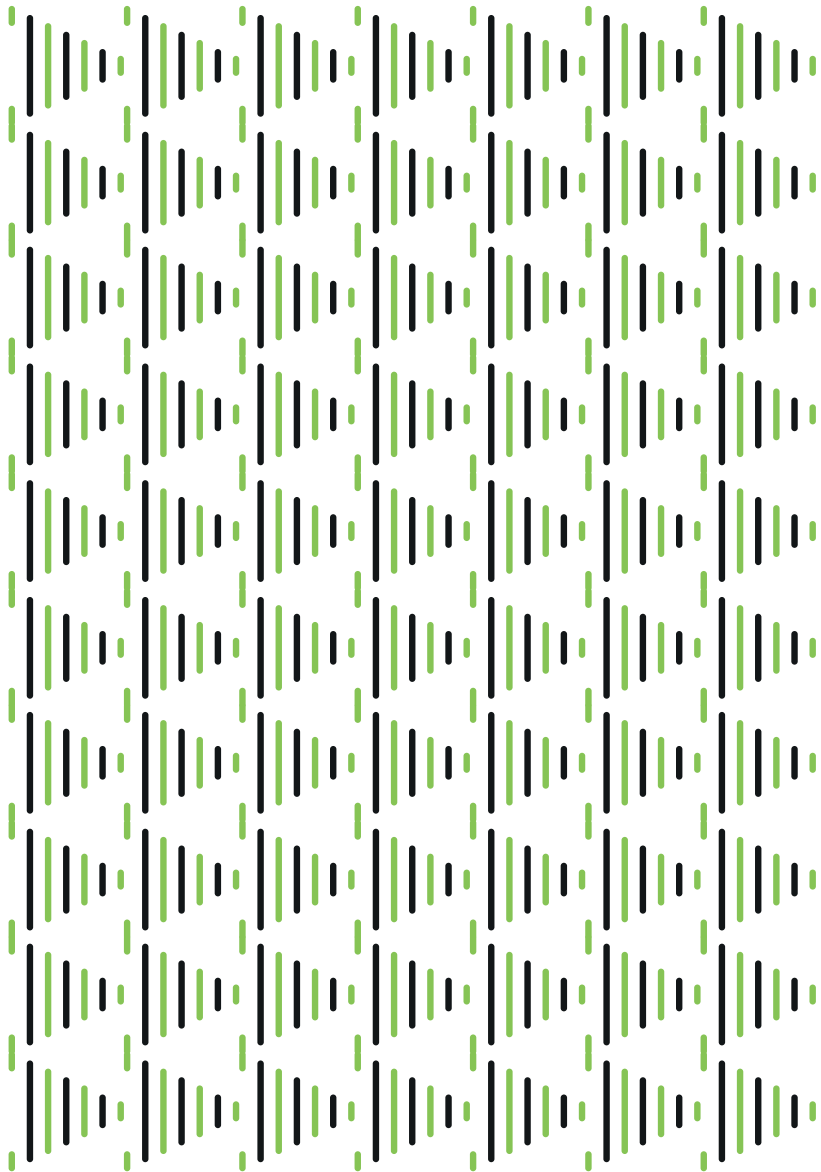
The jury will evaluate the projects considering the following criteria :

- **Representation**: clearness of ideas and graphic quality (1-15 points)
- **Integration with the context:** assimilation to the human and historical environment **(1-20 points)**
- **Architectural composition:** quality of the project and formal composition **(1-30 points)**
- **Connection with the competition:** ability to fulfill the requirements of the competition **(1-15 points)**
- **Feasibility:** sustainability of the proposal from the environmental and feasible point of view **(1-30 points)**
- **Techniqual solution:** functional and innovative proposal from the technical point of view **(1-10 points)**

Note

Archistart can modify the contents of this document provided that the majority of participants can benefit from it. Possible changes will be communicated in time, therefore it is highly recommended to constantly check the site and Facebook page.
-The amount of the prize is 2.500 Euro.
The prize is assigned by the Jury that has the possibility to decide for an ex aequo prize, in this case the prize will be divided in equal parts.

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