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**Comic Art Europe,
Season 2**



This year's theme : « Living Together » !

Now into its second year, the **Comic Art Europe** project is preparing to launch a second call for « comics » projects, again the only constraint is the use of the **comics medium**.

Diversity enhances society. Learning about other cultures, being exposed to different values and influences is an enriching experience that broadens the mind and promotes tolerance and the appreciation of difference.

This year, **Comic Art Europe** is asking comics artists to reflect in their own way on "**living together**" in the modern world. Through true stories or fictional creations, comic book artists are invited to present projects that illustrate their interpretation of "living together" today.

Selection and conditions:

5 projects will be selected by a jury comprising comic strip experts and representatives of each of the 5 cultural organisations participating in the Comic Art Europe project. Each selected artist will be awarded a **5000 € grant** and a **two-week residency** in one of the 4 partner cities of the project (Lyon in France, Brussels in Belgium, Barcelona in Spain and Kendal in England). The winning artists will also have the opportunity to present their work at festivals and events proposed by the project partners and in 2023.

Authors will have from **15 October 2021 until 15 December 2021** to apply on our [website](#).

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Comics Summer Camp 2022 – Brussels!

After spending 5 amazing days in Barcelona, the Comics Summer Camp will take place in the heart of Europe, **Brussels**, at the **Belgian Comic Strip Center** between the **12th and 17th of** **july** **2022!**

Any young artist, **between 18 and 25 years*** old and resident in one of the **27 EU Members States** (+ United Kingdom, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Tunisia, Armenia, Kosovo, Lebanon and Liechtenstein) will have the possibility **to apply to the Summer Camp 2022 from 15 October 2021 until 15 December 2021** by presenting a **digital portfolio** of between 10 to 20 pages including specific contents as work using analogue techniques (Figure study, movement, composition, illumination, lay outs, etc), work using digital techniques (drawings and colour) and storytelling sequential works (comic pages, story board, etc).

**We will not consider applications from professional comics creators.*

20 participants will be selected by the jury.

[Submit your application here.](#)

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A retrospective on Season 1

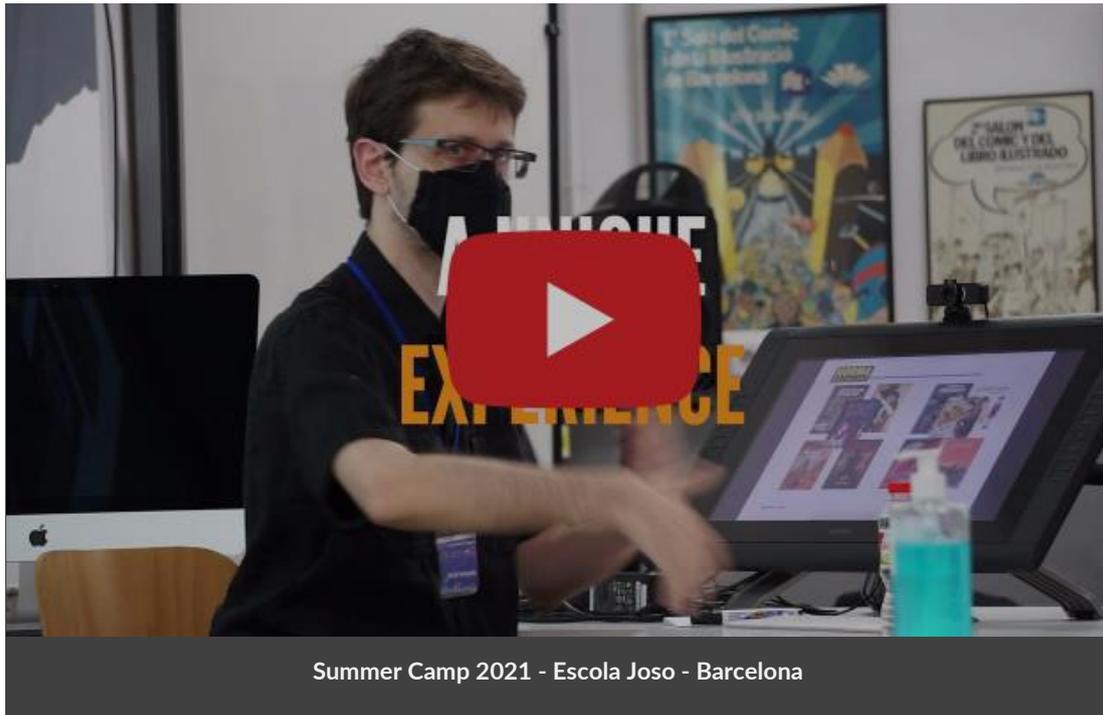
Comics Summer Camp 2021

19 students from 9 European countries came to Barcelona, in July 2021, to spend one week at the great Escola Joso in order to improve their skills as future professional comics artist.

They had the opportunity to meet numerous **professionals from the comics industry** such as artists Pepe Larraz (author at Marvel Comics), Jordi Lafebvre (Les beaux étés, Always Never), but also artistic director Fernando Güell and so many other great people.

“Before this Summer Camp I didn’t have enough information about the industry and didn’t know what steps to take in order to become a more skilled artist that other people could work with. Now I’m better equipped to make decisions for myself and set achievable goals.”

“It gave me so many things to work on! I have to re-work my portfolio, with my new pitch I presented during the summer camp, I have to make a business card and I have more motivation to work on new and different projects.”



***An open call for comics projects on the theme
« Visions of Tomorrow ».***

The first call for projects, on the theme of "Visions of Tomorrow" was a great success. The number of applications received attests to the need for a springboard for comics on a European scale. The five selected artists are **Filipa Beleza** (Portugal), **Maria Surducun** (Romania), **Meikel Mathias** (Germany), **Marine des Mazery** (France) and **Karrie Fransman** (UK).

They will present their work during an exhibition in 2022.



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Community Actions.

The **Comic Art Europe** programme is all about demonstrating the importance of comics in societies across Europe and supporting new and young comics creators in developing their skills and experience.

One element of the programme is proving that **comics can have a positive impact on literacy skills**, enabling people from all ages and backgrounds to become better readers, writers and communicators and enhancing their confidence and social skills. Each European partner is working with one group to research the impact of comics on literacy. These communities actions are internationally and nationally significant and will run from 2021 to 2023.



The Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF) are delighted to collaborate with Abraham Moss Primary School, Year 3.



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