

Athens Center for Sustainable Arts and Technology

A Balkan hub for innovative design in sustainable urban living through art, education and technology

Proposal

Remain true to the education and job readiness mission of HFAISTOS

Foster innovative solutions to environmental challenges that will face Athens and region over next generation.

Connect to neighborhood and international experts and creatives working on ingenious, inventive, successful and original solutions.

Host festivals, events, exhibitions, workshops, seminars and conferences.

Collaborate with Athens-based arts and cultural spaces, municipal partners, universities and activists networks to focus on sustainability.

Support local sustainable designers and technology entrepreneurs.



A cultural hub that provides space for diverse projects in sustainable living and green design

Studio Space: for artists and designers (long-term tenants and short-term residencies)

Open labs: for development of apps and technology with incubation space for technology-based sustainable projects

Multi-purpose space: for exhibitions, screenings, presentations, workshops, conferences and designer showroom

Rooftop garden and zero waste kitchen: demonstrations and training

Classrooms and workshop spaces

OTHER POSSIBLE SPACES-PROJECTS

- **Media center:** development of outreach public education strategies and materials
- **Co-working space:** environmental advocacy organizations and NGOs and community meetings
- **Redistribution Center:** diverting waste from landfill-- providing resources for artists and schools

Activities

International collaborations and residencies: artists, designers, scholars, scientist and engineers working on long-term sustainability projects.

Job training and skills development: technology and sustainable design

Education: school outreach and informal education through workshops and seminars

Public programming: festivals, workshops film, exhibitions. lecture, performances, conferences

Partnerships: academic institutions, arts and cultural spaces, and technology entrepreneurs

Sharing of tools and techniques: demonstrations in urban gardening, DIY waste management, creative reuse, repair, textile mending and alterations, composting and DIY sustainable home practices.)

Environmental policy and advocacy work

Municipal partnerships: waste management, urban planning and public education media campaigns

Funding

Private foundations, EU and international funders, local municipal and state funds and revenue generating projects

Job and skills development

New technologies

Green and Sustainable Design

Arts and Cultural activities

Education (schools, life-long learning and more traditional educational structures)

Policy and advocacy work

Waste management and Urban planning and development

REVENUE GENERATION : Zero waste cafe, 2nd-hand shop, space rental, DIY alternative energy kits