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### On the road to Climate Justice

The changing climate presents our society with spatial challenges of unprecedented proportions. The transition to renewable energy requires drastic changes in the living environment. We need more protection against flooding, subsidence and heat stress, and biodiversity and water safety also require urgent attention.

Until now, climate transition has primarily been regarded as a technical-economic exercise with spatial implications. By means of this Open Call, the EFL Foundation focuses on the spatial perspective. We are looking for new spatial concepts that anticipate a fair distribution of the burdens and benefits for society.

The EFL Foundation offers three teams the opportunity to do research by design into the spatial implications of climate justice. The foundation will provide each team with a research budget of €50,000. The process of selecting good proposals is carried out via an Open Call.

### Theme: Creating a climate fair world

The earthquakes related to gas extraction in Groningen have taught us that energy choices for the Netherlands as a whole can have far-reaching effects for a much smaller group - in this case, the inhabitants of Groningen and its surroundings. Renewable energy will lead to similar questions: where should the required solar parks and windmills be located? Measures against flooding will also affect specific places in our landscape while other areas remain untouched. And in general, we see increasing pressure on the countryside because cities are becoming more and more dependent on the hinterland - not only for access to food and raw materials, but also for energy, water, and waste processing.

The EFL Foundation is convinced that more attention is needed for climate justice. What principles of spatial justice can be applied to plans for climate adaptation and mitigation? And what consequences will these hold for the living environment? Is it those who cause climate damage who should bear the burden of the transition, those who benefit most from the transition, or should the burden fall on the strongest shoulders?

One characteristic of this distribution and justice issue is that

### The EFL Foundation

The Van Eesteren-Fluck and Van Lohuizen Foundation carries the name of architect and urban planner Cornelis van Eesteren, his wife Frieda Fluck and his colleague and kindred spirit urban planner Theodoor Karel van Lohuizen. The EFL Foundation preserves and manages their archives, copyrights and intellectual legacy and sets itself the task of supporting the development of urban design, planning and landscape architecture in their spirit.

The connection between research, spatial design and policy lies at the heart of all activities and projects of the EFL Foundation. The foundation proactively wants to invite applications and challenges parties to come up with new solutions for the future. It is for this purpose that the EFL Foundation has initiated this Open Call.



the 'burdens' of climate adaptation and mitigation are not limited to the efforts and costs involved in specific climate plans and measures, but also include their spatial effects in our living environment.

Since the climate issue does not stop at the borders of regions, countries, or continents, thinking and working on climate justice requires a broad perspective that comprises the effects of climate transition at different levels of scale. It is not only about what we owe each other here and now and the role the government should play in this, but also about the effects on future generations, people elsewhere in the world and the natural environment as a whole.

**The assignment: connecting spatial design, research, and policy**

The Open Call 'To work on Climate Justice' seeks answers to the question of how to shape climate transition in our living environment in a fair way.

Inspired by its founding fathers, the EFL Foundation focuses on the triangle of design, research and policy and the cross-links between them. The instruments, knowledge, and expertise in these three areas complement each other and they can also reinforce each other in order to arrive at – radical – new insights and solutions

The EFL Foundation therefore challenges transdisciplinary teams to further explore the outlined issue of climate justice in the physical environment and to translate it into proposals that combine visuals - in the form of drawings, maps, models, or videos - with text.

### Transdisciplinary teams

Participation in the Open Call is open to transdisciplinary teams of three to five people who collectively represent the three domains of spatial design, research, and policy. These domains can be broadly interpreted. Besides spatial design, research and policy, other disciplines that might be considered include history, anthropology, philosophy, fine arts, natural sciences, Artificial Intelligence, Social Design, environmental sciences, biology and more.

The EFL Foundation strongly believes that the collaboration of experts from different cultural backgrounds, genders, ages, and scientific and non-scientific fields will contribute to the quality of new perspectives and insights on climate justice. It therefore expressly invites diverse teams to be put together.





### Team of evaluators

The proposals will be assessed by a team consisting of the entire board of the EFL Foundation, joined by Dr Caroline Newton (fellow Van Eesteren Chair at TU Delft) and Sander Gaastra, DG Climate Affairs at the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation.

The EFL board is formed by:

- Huib van Eesteren (representative of the Van Eesteren family)
- Dr. Stan Majoor, (planner and Lector for Coordination of Metropolitan Issues and representative of the Van Lohuizen family)
- Ir. Hilde Blank (chair of the EFL Foundation, urban planner and director of BVR advisors)
- Prof. Dr. Edwin Buitelaar (researcher spatial and real estate development at the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency and professor at Utrecht University)
- Catja Edens MA, (architectural historian, PhD researcher Curatorial Research Collective TU Eindhoven)
- Dr. ir. Jannemarie de Jonge, (landscape architect, partner at Wing and Government Advisor on the Physical Environment)
- Maarten van Poelgeest, (partner at Andersson Elffers Felix, former city councillor of Amsterdam and chair of Uitvoeringsoverleg Gebouwde omgeving)
- Dr. Leeke Reinders, (anthropologist at the Chair of Urban Architecture at TU Delft)



## Procedure

This Open Call is initiated by the EFL Foundation under the name EFL Open Call To work on Climate Justice, designing a fair sustainable environment.

The procedure consists of an Open Call of two rounds. After completion of the Open Call, the selected teams will enter the research phase, guided by the EFL Foundation. The process ends with a public exhibition.

### *First round: shaping visions*

In the first round of the Open Call, experts in the field of spatial design, research and policy are challenged to join forces in the field of climate justice and the impact on the spatial planning of the Netherlands. They are asked to submit a concise vision of the assignment. For the vision, teams submit a written document of maximum 3 A3's, in which they present their idea and intended approach in words, combined with visuals (images, video, animation) to express their vision. A team of evaluators will select the six most promising submissions.

### *Second round: pitches*

In the second round of the Open Call, the selected teams are invited to pitch their vision live for a team of evaluators, along with initial ideas for follow-up research. A maximum of three teams will be selected to continue the Open Call in a research project. Each team receives a contribution towards the costs for the preparation of the pitch of €3,000.



### *Continuation: research*

The three selected teams will further develop their vision in a research project, resulting in concrete proposals for the physical living environment. For this, they will be given a time period of twelve months. Each of the three teams will receive an amount of € 50,000. The results will be published and exhibited to a broad audience. The way in which this is done, will be determined, and agreed upon with the participating teams.

### **Timeline**

- Launch Open Call: July 2022
- Kick-off and Matching event: 26th of August 2022
- Opportunity to ask questions: mid-September 2022
- Answers to the questions: end of September 2022
- Vision to be submitted: 28th of October 2022
- Selection shortlist: start of December 2022
- Presentation of pitches: mid-January 2023
- Announcement teams selected for the next phase: end of January 2023
- Start research project of selected teams: February 2023
- Completion of research and exhibition: spring 2024

### **Intellectual Ownership of submitted proposals**

Intellectual ownership of the proposals will remain with its creators. Various media channels will be employed for the Open Call itself and raising awareness of the topic to a broad audience as is the EFL Foundation's ambition. A journalistic report will be made on the content of the submissions from the first round in order to draw even wider attention to the theme. For the research done by the three selected teams, an appropriate communication plan will be made in consultation with the participating teams.

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### **In short**

#### *Selection procedure:*

- Open Call
- Participating teams are asked to submit a concise vision
- Six teams will be selected and given the opportunity to pitch their idea to the team of evaluators
- Three teams will be selected for the continuation. They will have the opportunity to expand on their research and ideas and exhibit their work.

#### *Fees:*

Budget of 50,000 euros (x 3 teams)  
+ 3,000 euros compensation for costs of second round pitches  
+ Exhibition of results

*Date of submission: (first round):*  
28th of October 2022