

Terms and Conditions

The **Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design** (registered seat: 1121 Budapest, Zugligeti út 9–25; hereinafter: the “**Organiser**”) is organising a design sprint entitled “**Co-operatives: Living with Water**” (hereinafter: the “**Competition**”) with the sponsorship of the British Council. The aim of the Competition is to encourage Participants to contribute innovative ideas and solutions that address the challenges of urban cohabitation and may transform the future of housing.

Participation in the Competition is open to creative university students with an interest in the topic, enrolled in bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral studies in full-time or part-time programmes, from any field of study (hereinafter: “**Participant**”).

According to preliminary plans, 10 teams (each consisting of 5 Participants) will have the opportunity to collaboratively develop their ideas during the Competition. Based on the evaluation criteria set out below, an independent professional jury will select and reward the team that presents the best concept. The Organiser reserves the right to modify the number of teams.

The language of the Competition is **English**.

Topic of the Competition

The central theme of the Competition is the rethinking of **cooperative forms of living**, with particular emphasis on how **water**, as a shared natural and cultural resource, can contribute to the sustainability, identity, and functioning of community life. The programme invites students from various universities and disciplines to collaborate in interdisciplinary teams and examine how cooperative housing is organised socially, spatially, economically, and culturally; what shared values and infrastructures sustain such communities; and how self-sustaining models can be designed to strengthen solidarity among members. Participants are encouraged to explore the role of water not only from a technical perspective, but also from symbolic, community-building, and environmental viewpoints. Questions may include: How does water shape everyday life, shared rituals, resource-sharing practices, and how can it be used as a tool in designing community spaces, services, and experiences?

Competition call

Cooperative living and community self-organisation are gaining renewed momentum globally, as social and environmental challenges increasingly call for more sustainable and solidarity-driven housing models. The Competition seeks innovative solutions that

reconceptualise the future of cooperative housing and address the complex challenges of shared living. We are looking for concepts that strengthen community collaboration, support self-sustaining and resource-conscious operations, reduce challenges associated with communal living, and lower environmental impact. A key focus is the role of **water as a shared resource**: How can water be used to enhance community life, sharing-based practices, social resilience, and a sense of belonging? Participants are expected to develop concepts during the Competition that rethink the operation of shared resources, community infrastructures, and the everyday practices of cooperative living – from the household scale to the urban scale.

The challenge

How can we create community systems, spaces, or services that use water as a shared resource to strengthen the self-sufficiency, social resilience, and cohesion of cooperative housing communities at the level of everyday cohabitation, shared infrastructures, and communal experiences?

Conditions of participation

Only individuals who are at least 18 years old, are legally competent, and meet all of the following conditions may participate in the Competition:

- higher education student (BA/BSc, MA/MSc, PhD/DLA) in any field;
- register via <https://forms.office.com/e/8RzGgmAWg9> and provide the following personal data: full name, email address, home or residence address (mailing address), telephone number, date of birth, food allergies, name of higher education institution, programme of study, level of study, language proficiency level, and how they learned about the Competition;
- accept all conditions set out in these Terms and Conditions and acknowledge that they have reviewed the Privacy Notice and expressly consented to the processing of their personal data;
- have sufficient proficiency in English.

Participants must register **individually**.

The following individuals are **excluded from participation**:

- Officers, employees, or contracted agents of the Organiser, as well as their close relatives (Section 8:1 (1) point 1 of the Hungarian Civil Code);
- Any individuals directly involved in the organisation or conduct of the Competition, as well as their close relatives (Section 8:1 (1) point 1 of the Hungarian Civil Code).

Participants will be identified via the email address provided during registration. The Organiser shall not be liable for any technical issues arising from changes to the Participant's email address (including but not limited to deletion, unavailability, or inaccessibility) that fall outside the Organiser's sphere of influence.

Participants who do not meet the requirements set out in these Terms and Conditions will be automatically excluded from the Competition.

During the Competition, the Organiser will provide Wi-Fi access and light refreshments (salty and/or sweet snacks, fruits and beverages). Participants are responsible for providing their own IT equipment.

The Organiser reserves the right to:

- examine materials created within the framework of the Competition for compliance with these Terms and Conditions, and exclude any Participant whose materials or conduct do not meet the conditions;
- exclude any Participant who provides false or misleading information;
- exclude any Participant whose behaviour disrupts or hinders the successful conduct of the Competition;
- modify these Terms and Conditions at any time without justification, including the right to terminate the Competition. Any such modifications will be published with the same level of publicity as other Competition notices, on the Competition website (<https://mome.hu/en/co-operatives-living-with-water-collectively>).

How the Competition will be conducted

Interested university students may register individually for the Competition via <https://forms.office.com/e/8RzGgmAWg9> by providing the requested information and accepting the Terms and Conditions. A maximum of 50 Participants may take part in the Competition; once this limit is reached, additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Following registration, Participants will receive confirmation by email regarding acceptance or placement on the waiting list within 14 working days, but no later than 2 February 2026.

On the first day of the Competition, Participants will be organised into 10 teams of 5 members through a facilitated process. During the Competition, teams are required to collaboratively develop their concepts, with support provided by the Organiser in the form of both Hungarian and international mentors. On the final day of the Competition, teams must prepare a 5-minute presentation introducing their concept, which must be delivered before a professional jury composed of at least three members, appointed by the

Organiser. The jury will evaluate the concepts based on predetermined criteria, and the ranking of the teams will be determined according to the results of this evaluation.

Evaluation criteria

The jury will take the following criteria into account during its evaluation:

- The relevance of challenges identified through research;
- The originality and innovative nature of the concept;
- The social and ecological sensitivity of the concept;
- The feasibility, applicability, and completeness of the concept;
- The content quality and aesthetic standard of the presentation.

Competition timeline and deadlines:

Application deadline: 30 January 2026, 12:00 (CET)

Notification of acceptance / waitlist status: Within 14 working days from registration, and no later than 2 February 2026

Competition dates: 9 February 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 13 February 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Registration is available at: <https://forms.office.com/e/8RzGgmAWg9>.

Venue of the Competition

Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design: 1121 Budapest, Zugligeti út 9–25.

By registering for the Competition, the Participant:

- accepts and acknowledges as binding upon themselves the provisions of these official Terms and Conditions
- acknowledges and expressly consents that the Organiser, as data controller, processes the personal data provided for the purposes specified in the Privacy Notice;
- declares that the idea developed and submitted during the Competition is exclusively their own intellectual creation, or the work of individuals who have contributed to the development of the idea and have agreed to its submission and use in the context of the Competition; that the Participant has created the solution and concept, and that they hold unrestricted rights of use and licensing related to it;

- declares that the solution and concept developed do not infringe the copyright or any other legally protected rights or legitimate interests of third parties;
- declares that the solution and concept do not contain any content prohibited by law or other applicable regulation.

Prizes

Grand prize: Each member of the winning team will receive one RyanAir gift voucher with a value of HUF 70,000, and one Penguin Books gift voucher with a value of £10. The gift vouchers may be used until the expiry date indicated on them, directly with the issuing entity. The validity period of the gift vouchers cannot be extended.

Intellectual property

The intellectual property rights to the ideas developed during the Competition remain with the Participants. Any potential use of the ideas shall be governed by a separate agreement concluded between the Organiser and the Participant(s).

Governing law

The Competition and these Terms and Conditions shall be governed by the laws of Hungary.

Data protection

Detailed information regarding the processing of personal data is set out in the applicable Privacy Notice, which the Participant expressly accepts upon registering for the Competition. The Organiser guarantees that all data processing is carried out in compliance with the relevant legislation, including in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – GDPR) and Act CXII of 2011 on the Right of Informational Self-Determination and Freedom of Information (Infotv.).

In accordance with Articles 12–21 of the GDPR, Participants may request from the data controller to access to their personal data, to rectify or erase these data, or restrict of its processing. Participants may also object to the processing of their personal data and exercise their right to data portability.

Data Controller: Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (registered seat: 1121 Budapest, Zugligeti út 9–25. email: info@mome.hu; phone number: +36 1 392 1180; website: <https://mome.hu>).

The Organiser processes the personal data provided by Participants for the purposes of organising and conducting the Competition, as well as for the delivery of prizes, in accordance with the Privacy Notice.

Personal data provided by Participants will not be made public, except for the names of Participants and winners. The Organiser takes every reasonable measure to protect personal data – using, among others, software-based and technical safeguards – and stores such data on secure servers. Personal data will be disclosed only to those employees responsible for organising and conducting the Competition, all of whom are bound by strict confidentiality obligations.

Budapest, 19 November 2025