

Paris, France  
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# OPEN CALL

The association Memoria Artis announces a competition to create in Paris a mural of hope against the war, dedicated to those who fight for a free and democratic Russia, to the victims of political persecution, repression and murder.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Artists (and art collectives) who are over 18, independently of citizenship, nationality and country of residence. Participation in the competition is free.

## MEANING OF THE MURAL

We wish for an artwork displaying unity in composition, style and meaning; it should be in harmony with the cityscape, create in the public an emotional response and become a local landmark. Propose a complex and interesting representation of Russia, including elements of its history, of her dark present and, if possible, a bright embodiment of her future. You are free to decide the theme of the mural and the way to express it.



[Here](#) is a more detailed description of the walls which we propose to decorate.

## **KEY STEPS**

### **1. Preliminary competition**

Until September 15th, 2024, artists submit drafts and ideas which will be examined by the Paris municipal authorities. The submitted drafts will also be displayed in a collective exhibition to be held in a setting for such events in Paris.

### **2. Main competition**

After the examination of the documents and the final confirmation of the wall to be painted by the Paris municipal authorities, we will announce the main competition for the best draft, which will then be realised. All the drafts sent in time will participate. We will communicate later the date of the main competition.

### **3. Realisation of the mural**

The winner of the competition will be provided with all the necessary material and assistance in realising the mural. After the first step we will announce the financial award and the conditions of the stay in France, for those who come from abroad.

## **DETAILS OF THE TASK**

### **The image can include**

Figurative or abstract images, small stylized portraits, the unofficial symbols of Russia (the birch tree and so on), symbols of peace, of suffering, of remembering, of hope and solidarity; moreover, it can include dates, written messages and other symbols in line with the assigned theme.

### **The image cannot include**

State symbols of the Russian Federation of the USSR (flag, coat of arms etc), the Kremlin and the Red Square, the letters Z and V and other symbols of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, any nazi symbol, instigations to violence, to cruelty or to any illegal act. It cannot include images of smoking, drinking or drug use, propaganda of racism or LGBT-phobia, nor registered trademark. It cannot include sexual imagery of any kind nor religious signs and symbols.

### **Colour range**

You are free to decide the colours.

### **Technical requirements**

Any artistic material and technique can be used to create the draft, including computer graphics.

## **General requirements for the drafts and deadline for submissions**

Every artist can send any number of drafts; we advise to try different formats (horizontal, vertical, square, oval and so on). The final draft must be scanned to create a PDF or JPG file whose file name must have the following form: "Draft\_mural\_given name\_family name". It would also be a plus for the artist to superimpose the draft on the photo of a specific wall.

The submission must include a portfolio, a short biography of the artist, and a short description of the project. All the documents must be sent to the email address [contact@memoria-artis.org](mailto:contact@memoria-artis.org). The subject of the mail must be "Draft for the mural"

If you have any questions, write to the email address at the top, with the subject "Questions about the draft".

Submissions will be accepted until September 15th, 2024, at 12 PM in Paris time (CET).