

National Drawing Contest – Announcement

The Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association – HELMEPA announces a National Drawing Contest for the “HELMEPA Junior” Groups of the 2024–2025 school year, titled: **“Posidonia Meadows: our underwater forests”**. The Contest is addressed to three categories of students:

- ✓ 1st category:
Kindergartens & Special Education Units
- ✓ 2nd category:
Grades A, B, C
- ✓ 3rd category:
Grades D, E, St

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The Scientific and Organizing Committee of the Contest consists of:

- Olga Stavropoulou, General Director of HELMEPA
- Kostas Triantafyllou, Head of Strategy & Development
- Dimitris Kazas, New Generation Manager

The Evaluation Committee of the artworks consists of:

- Stavros Georgiadis, cartoonist/creator of HELMEPA’s Seagull
- Achilleas Drougas, painter
- Afroditi Litti, sculptor & professor at the Athens School of Fine Arts
- Christos Bokoros, painter
- Dr. Michalis Skoullou, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Chemistry and Oceanography at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Olga Stavropoulou, General Director of HELMEPA
- Mariza Fasianou, gallerist
- Maria Filopoulou, painter
- Manolis Haros, visual artist



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The Contest will run from **Friday, November 8, 2024 to Monday, February 10, 2025**, and teachers who wish to participate with their students must complete the HELMEPA Junior application form found [here](#) and send a **high-resolution photo** of their artwork to helmepajunior@helmeпа.gr by **February 10**.

The artworks will be sent to the members of the Evaluation Committee after the end of the Contest, to select the 3 that will be awarded in each category, based on creativity, childlike authenticity, relevance to the theme of the Contest, originality, and aesthetic result. In case of distinction, the original artwork or a high-resolution photo will be requested, if deemed necessary for its publication.

A total of nine awards will be given, three in each category. The best artwork in each category will receive the **1st Prize**, which is its **printing as a Poster**, mentioning the school, class, group code, name of the teacher and the children in Greek and English, provided that written consent from the parents/guardians is obtained. The **2nd and 3rd Prizes** are **Certificates of Participation** for the teachers and the children of the Groups. All participants (teachers and children) will receive a **commemorative diploma**.

The artworks must meet the following requirements to be accepted:

- ✓ Must come from HELMEPA Junior Groups of the current school year (2024–2025)
- ✓ Must be group works, with vivid colors, painted on paper/cardboard of minimum size A4 (21 x 29.7 cm)
- ✓ Must be accompanied by the following details: School, Class, Group Number, and name of the Volunteer Teacher

Participation in the Contest has no financial cost for the students or the school, is optional, and requires the consent of the parents/guardians of the students ([Parent Consent Form](#)). Teachers must send the [Teacher Consent Form](#) along with the artwork. HELMEPA undertakes the entire implementation process of the Contest and ensures the protection of personal data and intellectual property rights of the creators, in accordance with current legislation. Regarding intellectual property rights, the provisions of Law 2121/1993 “Intellectual property, related rights and cultural matters” [Government Gazette 25/A/04-03-1993], as amended, apply. Specifically: [Article 1 “intellectual property”](#), [Article 3 “economic right”](#), [Article 4 “moral right”](#), [Article 12 “transfer”](#).

The Contest is recommended to be conducted within the school timetable (Environmental Studies, Visual Arts), without burdening the teaching of individual subjects, but rather enriching and expanding them creatively, always in line with the objectives set in the Curriculum.

Teachers and students participating in the Contest will have the opportunity to evaluate it [here](#).



The 9 awarded artworks will be published in digital and print media, including social media, and the guardians of the students who created them must complete the following consent forms. The possibility of publishing additional student artworks will be considered if parental consent is provided.

- [Declaration of Distinction \(1st Prize\)](#)
- [Declaration of Distinction \(2nd & 3rd Prize\)](#)

Finally, it is emphasized that no revenue will be generated for HELMEPA or any other entity from the submitted artworks (through commercial use or advertising, etc.), and that the use of the artworks will be solely for educational purposes.