

HELMEPA Visual Art Competition 2025

Theme: “Infinite Blue: The World Waiting to Be Discovered”

Inspired by the love for the sea and the need to raise awareness about marine environmental protection, 238 students from across Greece – 116 from Gymnasiums and 122 from Lyceums – presented their artworks as part of the HELMEPA Visual Art Competition 2025.

All entries were showcased in the group exhibition titled “**Ocean Aware through Artivism**”, curated by **Bonhams (ArtExpertise)**, at the beautiful **Stelios Foundation Conference Hall** in Plaka, Athens. Over the course of two weeks, more than 700 students visited the exhibition, participating in interactive presentations and discussions on the importance of the ocean, climate change, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The same venue hosted the **award ceremony**, attended by students, parents, and representatives from the fields of shipping and the arts, in a celebration of creativity and environmental consciousness.

🏆 **Maria Koutouzou**, student at the 1st Lyceum of Nea Smyrni, is the creator of the artwork that now decorates HELMEPA’s new reusable thermos.

🏆 **Mikaela Ibranj**, student at the 2nd Gymnasium of Metamorfosi, Attica, designed the artwork featured on HELMEPA’s new multi-purpose bag.

The students’ creations are powerful messages of hope, sensitivity, and action for a sustainable future, highlighting the power of art as a means of environmental expression and mobilization.



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