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## Press Release

# Water Weighs

*Tracing underwater memory, the sea's life and its corporality.*

## Interactive exhibition of European artists for raising awareness about the Mediterranean Sea

Emilios Riadis Building, HELEXPO, Thessaloniki

**MAREBOX Project presents in Thessaloniki, at a world premiere, the international exhibition of European artists, titled “Water Weighs”. Ten artworks will be presented to the public with central theme the illumination of the timeless elements that constitute the Mediterranean Sea (Underwater Culture). The exhibition will be hosted at the Emilios Riadis Building of the Thessaloniki International Fair and then it will continue its journey to relative exhibition halls in Berlin and Cosenza.**

The **Opening** of the exhibition will take place on **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 19:00**

The **duration** of the exhibition will be from **October 17<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Entrance is free**

**Water Weighs** presents the Sea and the underwater world, as a time capsule that connects the past with the present and the future, bringing to light unique stories of trade, war, migration, cultural and natural heritage, degradation of the marine environment, etc. All these stories are showcased through the perspective(s) of cultural expression, innovation, technology, creativity, and artistic works.

The unique characteristic of **Water Weighs** lies in the combination of physical and digital installations, result of cross-disciplinary work of creative people across the world. Digital elements and tangible materials are integrated to communicate the relationship between the European cultures and the Mediterranean Sea. Visitors can experience short films, sound compositions, walkthrough among fabrics and sculptures and immersive artworks through Virtual Reality applications.





### Water Weighs inspires critical thinking and creative expression on key emerging questions:

How does the sea acts as a historic archive across time? How do time and space collapse into a continuum and a flowing of memories and histories across continents and eras? Can water imagery and sea as imagined space help imploding geographical and affective distance? How can we read the dispersion of people and the construction of diasporas in Europe through water? Can we formulate new perspectives on marine ecology, and the tangible effects of climate change and anthropogenic violence on the sea? What can we learn about our corporality from the sea, and its underwater cosmologies?

The exhibition is an outcome of [MAREBOX Project](#), which is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union (CALL ID: *Bridging culture and audiovisual content through digital – EACEA 06/2019*). **Starting from Thessaloniki, Water Weighs will travel next in exhibition spaces in Berlin (Germany) and Cosenza (Italy).**

*Water Weighs Exhibition is organized in Thessaloniki, Greece by Atlantis Consulting S.A. and curated by SAVVY Contemporary, partners of MAREBOX.*

### Important Notes:

- Visitors will be allowed to enter the HELEXPO premises exclusively upon presentation of the Green Pass for all categories of vaccinated or hospitalized. Minors under the age of 12 are excluded.
- The use of mask is mandatory for everyone, throughout their entire stay at the exhibition center.
- **The exhibition can be booked for school visits at morning hours, by appointment.**

### Exhibition Premises:

HELEXPO – Emilios Riadis Building  
154 Egnatias Avenue, 54636 Thessaloniki, Greece

### Opening Hours:

Sunday 17th of October: 19:00 Opening  
18th -26th of October: 09:00 - 20:00  
Wednesday 27th of October: 10:00 - 14:00

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