

BUILDING THE FUTURE

invitation to schools and research & creation institutes in art, design, architecture, performing arts and multiple writings to take part in the design of a ship for the Mediterranean Sea.

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We declare that the gestures of the lifeguards as well as all the gestures of hospitality, care, benevolence, friendship, joy that are deployed on the path of migrants, are of a priceless beauty and significance. This is why we are conducting a request to UNESCO aiming to inscribe them on the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

As part of this process, we are developing several projects aimed at supporting, amplifying and transmitting these gestures to future generations. Building a European fleet of vessels and making them available to organizations working in the Mediterranean Sea is one of the axes of this preservation plan. Today we gather an assembly of designers determined to build the first ship of this fleet. Its provisional name: *NAVIRE Avenir* [VESSEL FUTURE].

In collaboration with operators and lifeguards, we have developed in recent months the first sketches of this ship. It has four characteristics: it is a pioneering tool for intervention at sea; it is a place designed for the reception and care of the survivors; it is a place of collective life shaping itself as a Mediterranean public place; and it is a laboratory offering the conditions on board for a research placement allowing the creation of nine more ships.

We need to complete the technical, financial and legal documents for the project in the spring of 2022 and thus answer the many questions that arise in order to give this ship the dimension of a common and civic endeavor. We therefore call to schools and research and creation institutes to take up, from September 2021 and for one semester, the creative challenges that arise today. To support actions, to equip places, to arrange spaces, and to facilitate interactions on board, multiple signs, environments and objects are necessary. It is to their design that we invite students and researchers from the world in order to share their work with lifeguards and survivors in March 2022 in Marseille, and then to launch the construction of this ship for the Mediterranean.

To take part in this program and clarify its content with us, please send us an email before the end of June 2021 to: contact@perou-paris.org. For more information: www.perou-paris.org.



