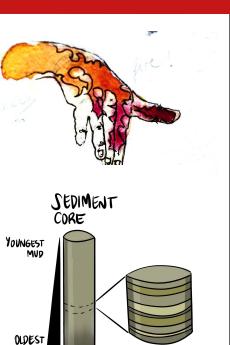


# Communicating and outreaching palaeosciences through visual arts: lessons from different realms.

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# Art and science sides of the same coin

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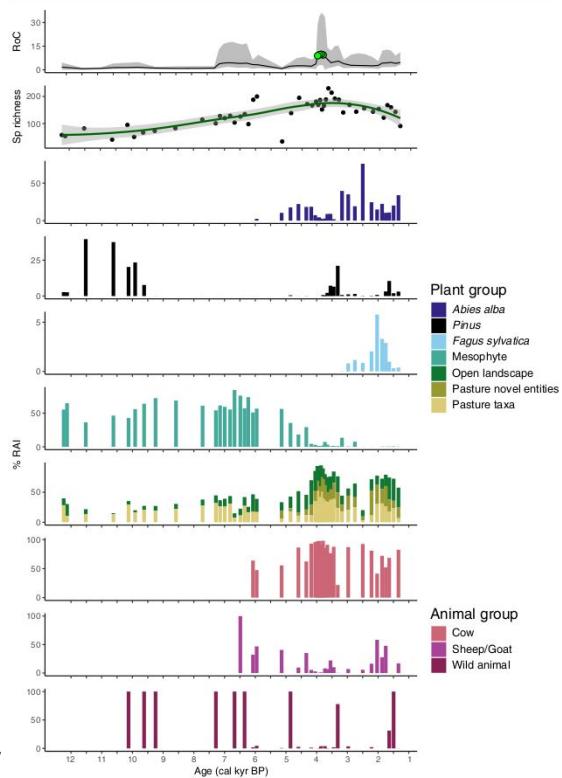
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# Scientific cognition - Analytical, Quantitative and Systematic



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Tramacastilla lake, central Pyrenees, 1680 masl



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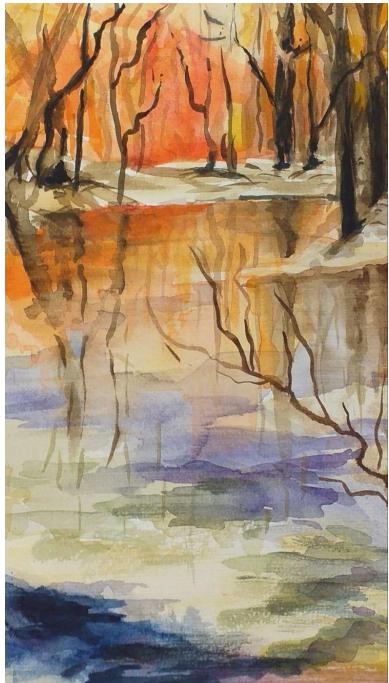


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# Artistic cognition - Imagination, intuition, personal expression, and aesthetic exploration



Paintings by **Penélope González-Sampériz**

**Left:** Watercoloured forest reflection on a lake. | **Right:** Acrylic painting of Tramacastilla lake (1680 masl)

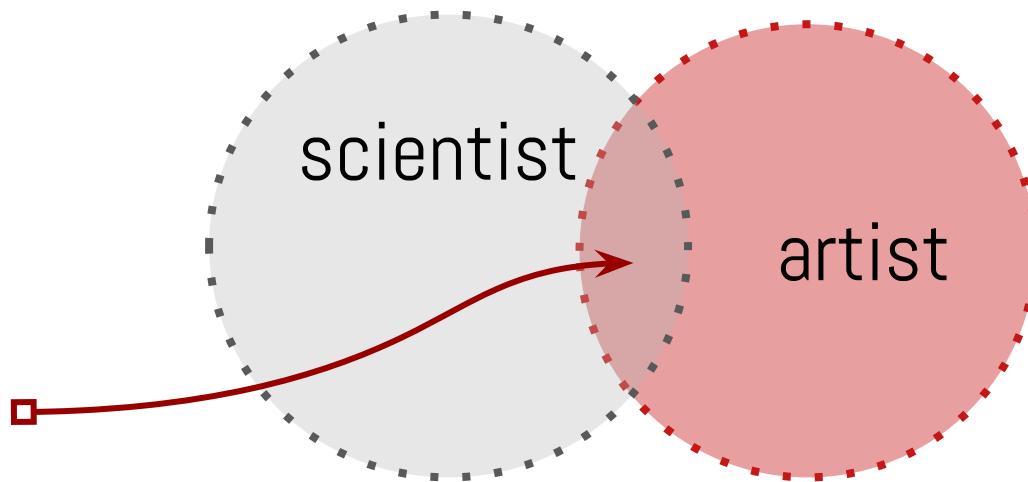
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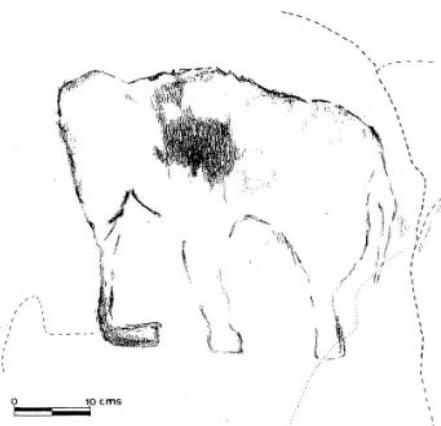
- ★ Creative thinking, ability to produce new ideas.
  - ★ Observation and perception, attention to details to gain deep insight.
  - ★ Exploration and curiosity, driven by a sense of exploration.
  - ★ Iterative process of experimentation, refinement and revision.
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where  
the  
magic  
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Chauvet Cave, Ardèche, France. Dated to: 30,000 to 28,000 B.C.  
| DRAC Rhône-Alpes, Ministère de la Culture /AP Images



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Floral detail from "Study of flowers" by Leonardo Da Vinci (1511). Gallerie Academia, Venezia

The Large Piece of Turf by Albrecht Dürer (1503). Albertina Museum, Vienna.

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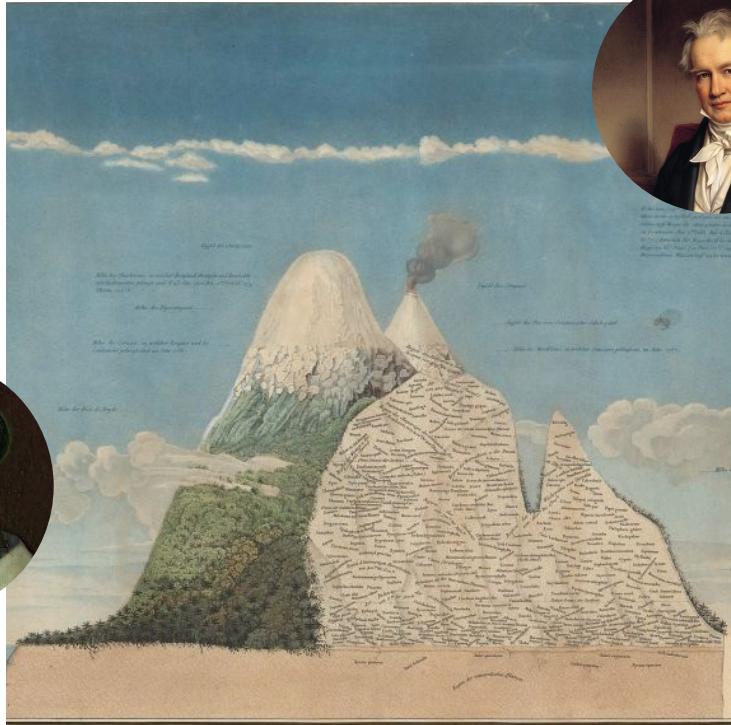
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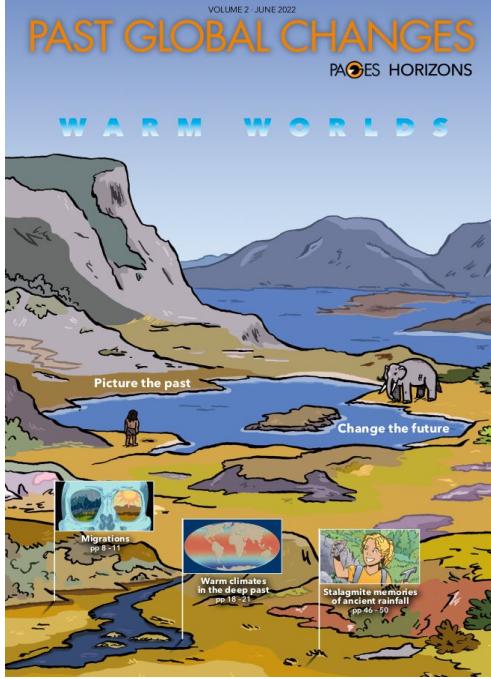
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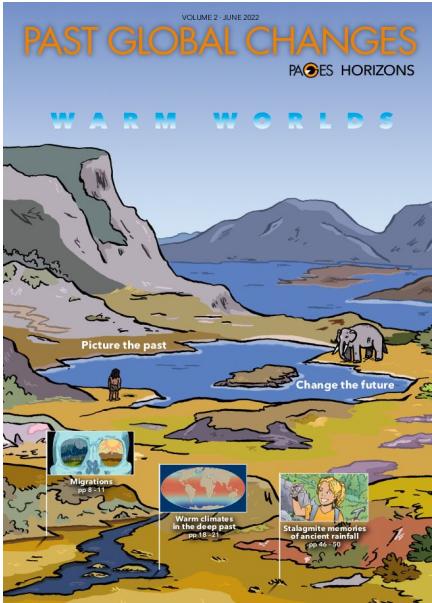
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- ★ Create awareness about past global changes.
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- ★ Disseminate the fundamentals of the scientific method

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## Why the younger generation?

- ★ Environmentally sensitive.
- ★ Ready to make important decisions.
- ★ Able to gather and learn new information.
- ★ Still have time to ignite new enthusiasm.

<https://youth.europa.eu>



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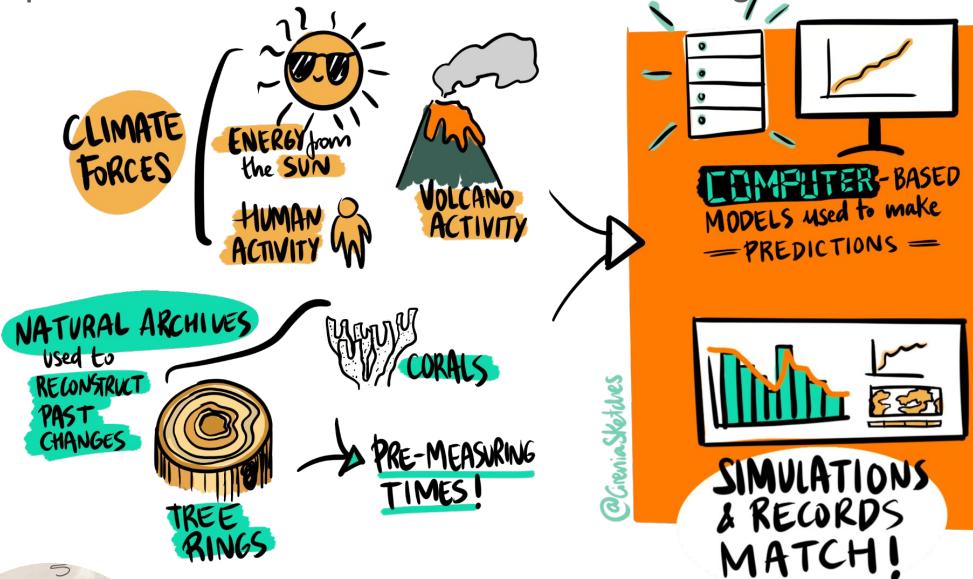
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Information acquisition through image

Graphical abstracts - visual thinking



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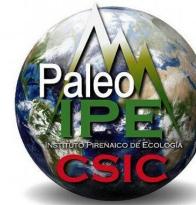
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# Moving through emotions

Combining lyric, music, image and make up!

- ★ Storyboard
- ★ Script
- ★ Bodypainting adaptation
- ★ Lyric adaption
- ★ Music composition



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It has looked after us but it is changing.

<https://tinyurl.com/inqua23art>

Cambio a flor de piel  
(3' trailer)

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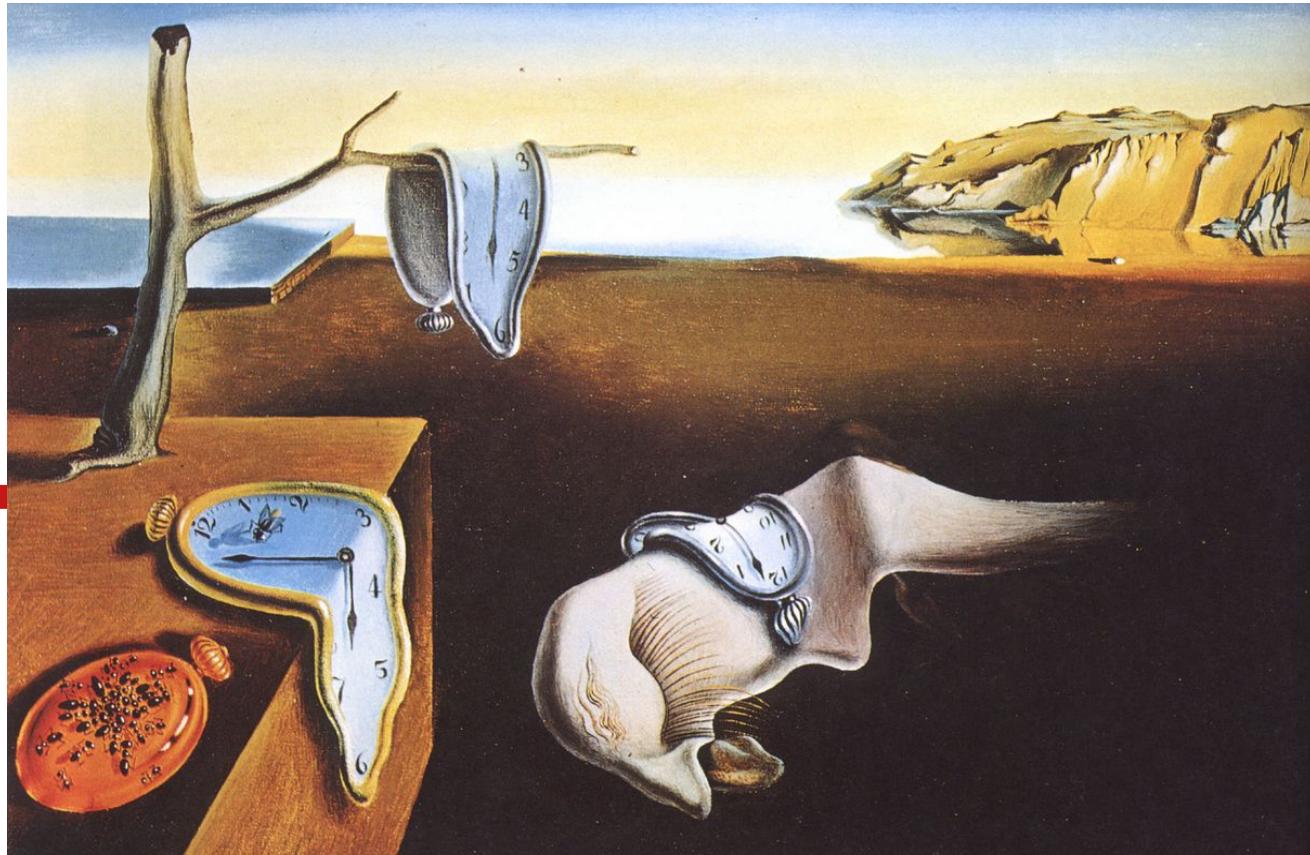
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Salvador Dalí. The Persistence of  
Memory. 1931 - MoMA, New York





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Thank you!  
Grazie mille!  
Gracias

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