

TANDEM

CULTURAL CAPITALS



INVITATION TO APPLY!

The European Cultural Foundation (ECF) and its partners from the European Capitals of Culture Leeuwarden - Fryslân 2018 - Galway 2020 - Rijeka 2020 - Eleusis 2021 - Novi Sad 2021 - Kaunas 2022 and Veszprém 2023 are looking for **creative professionals, cultural managers and their organisations**, working in one of these cities and regions. Tandem Cultural Capitals offers you a unique platform to **match and work with a new international partner of your choice**. Throughout 2019, you will identify and experiment with inspiring collaboration ideas and jointly put the **European dimension of your Capital of Culture into concrete practice**.

Are you:

- an experienced creative professional and/or manager who works for an arts and culture organisation
- based and working in (the region of) Eleusis (GR), Galway (IE), Kaunas (LT), Leeuwarden-Fryslân (NL), Novi Sad (RS), Rijeka (HR) or Veszprém (HU)?
- representing or managing: a non-profit organisation, public institution, creative social enterprise, an arts initiative, collective or association? (artists, freelancers, students or individual professionals without a link to an organisation however are not eligible!)
- interested to leave the day-to-day working routines inside your local comfort zone, and ready to engage in an entirely new cross-border working partnership on European level?
- interested in exploring the challenges and opportunities of your European Capital of Culture together with a European colleague and partner organisation who works in a similar context?
- ready to fill the European dimension of your former or future European Capital of Culture programme with innovative cross-border collaboration ideas, jointly designed by you and your new Tandem partner?
- looking for a chance to develop your professional profile and your organisation through building European collaborations, and connecting to creative networks in other European Capitals of Culture?
- available to seriously commit 6 months of your time to a collaborative working process – including 2 longer group meetings (in English language) and working visits (placements) abroad?

WHAT IS TANDEM?

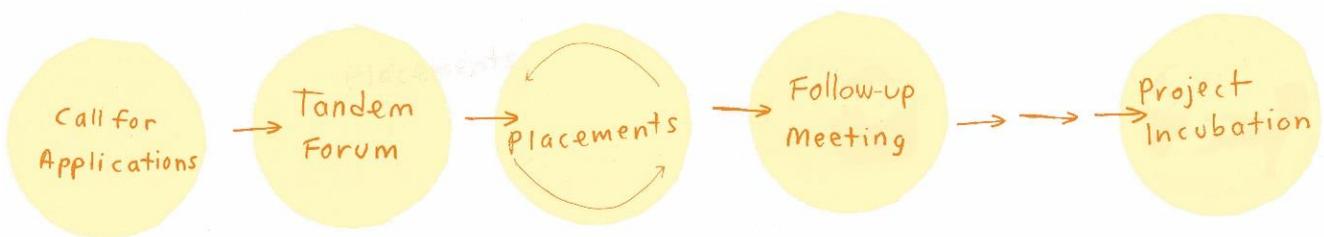
Tandem works with a cultural collaboration and matching concept that was co-designed by the European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam) and MitOst (Berlin). All our Tandem programmes offer cultural managers and their organisations an inspiring opportunity to engage in new cross-border working partnerships on European level.

Since 2011, Tandem has grown into a cluster of practical collaboration and internationalisation programmes that support individual learning and organisational development through joint cultural action – locally and across borders. Tandem offers a European platform for project initiators to develop their skills, innovate established practices and connect to international networks. Tandem is a space to build sustainable international partnerships that grow through shared values. It builds networks of creative professionals, cultural managers and their organisations. It supports the impact they make on their cities, regions, and Europe in general. During the past years, our pan-European match-making and working approach has made Tandem a much-wanted programme for professionals and organisations from European Capital of Culture locations.

Winning the European Capital of Culture title puts the cultural scene of cities and regions in the European spotlight. Professionalising international networking, enabling local players to cooperate on European level and sharing know-how, is an important part in the programme - before, during but also after this specific year. Tandem Cultural Capitals will bring together cultural professionals from seven past and future European Capitals of Culture in order to facilitate, renew and strengthen this central strategic dimension.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All participants selected for Tandem Cultural Capitals will first meet in Rijeka to find their match from one of the other participating cities and regions. Between June and November 2019, all newly formed Tandem duos realise a working visit (placement) at their partner organisation. Practical peer-to-peer learning tools and exploring joint project ideas will get all participants ready for a more long-term internationalisation process, they will discuss and co-design during a Follow-up group learning meeting in Leeuwarden.



Tandem Partner Forum (10-14 June 2019) – in Rijeka, European Capital of Culture 2020

During the Tandem Partner Forum up to 30 selected participants (creative professionals and managers of cultural organisations from the participating European Capitals of Culture) gather to meet their peers and match with a new Tandem partner for developing European collaboration ideas. Next to the matching process we offer workshops on international collaboration skills, peer-to-peer networking and discussions on relevant European Capital of Culture questions as well as study visits with insights to the programme of Rijeka 2020.

Tandem Working Visits (June – Nov. 2019) – in/to one of the participating European Capitals of Culture After the Tandem Partner Forum, each participant receives a mobility grant for realising several days of working visits (placements) at the location of their new Tandem partner. These visits offer you an insight into the practical work of your new partner organisation and a first-hand experience of another European Capital of Culture. They also offer time for working on your joint future project ideas. In return, you host your new Tandem partner for a visit to your organisation and city afterwards.

Follow-Up Meeting (19–22 November 2019) – Leeuwarden, European Capital of Culture 2018 At the end of the programme, all participants reconvene one more time to review the outcomes of their mutual working visits. With their Tandem peers they discuss the exchange process (so far) and continue co-designing the future of their pilot collaborations. This concluding group learning meeting could also serve for preparing your new cooperation ideas and plans conceived during the Tandem process for presentation to your local European Capital of Culture offices. It takes place in the context of the Explore the North Festival 2019.

Tandem offers:

- Tandem Forum (Rijeka, 10-14 June) for networking with 30 peers and identifying a new collaboration partner from another European Capital of Culture.
- Exploratory visit to one of the other participating European Capitals of Culture during a working placement with your new partner organisation.
- Practical peer-to-peer learning tools and professional feedback provided by internationally experienced Tandem programme teams and peers
- Follow-up Meeting (Leeuwarden, 19–22 November) with group learning sessions, peer-to-peer project design, long-term planning, study visits
- Accommodation and meals in Rijeka and Leeuwarden covered + full reimbursement of all travel costs to these two meetings afterwards
- EUR 600.- co-financing of mobility and working placement costs per participant
- Experience of other European Capitals of Culture and access to a growing community of Tandem alumni in more than 200 cities and regions across wider Europe.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply, please fill in the online application form on: www.tandemforculture.org

The application form will be available from Monday, April 8, 2019.

Application deadline is Sunday, April 28, 2019 (23.59 CET).

Selection of applicants will be announced by Monday, May 6, 2019.

Want to know more? Check the FAQs (link in Call) or get in contact with:

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