

INFORMATION SHEET

Funding program “Advice, support, and networking for transnational professionals working in art, media and culture” 2024

Please read all information carefully until the end of the document.

Deadline for submission/application

September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Online applications must have been submitted by 6:00 p.m. CET. All submissions after that time will be automatically cancelled.

In 2024, subject to the availability of funds, Berlin’s Senate Department for Culture and Community will provide funding for projects designed to facilitate professional integration of people working in art, media, and culture in any discipline who have left their countries of origin for political or humanitarian reason.

Eligibility

Berlin-based cultural organizations or a group of organizations with legal entities under a private or public law as well as partnerships under private law are eligible to apply.

One or several project partners will be responsible for communication.

Target group

The program aims to support professionals in art, media and culture, who have left or intend to leave their countries of origin because:

- They feel threatened (e.g., on account of political persecution or armed conflicts);
- They cannot continue their professional activity on account of the current political situation (e.g., general repression, a climate of intimidation, collapse of professional opportunities);
- They are in fundamental opposition to negative political trends.

Professionals of art, media, and culture must have completed relevant professional training or courses of study and/or who have worked or are still working, in art, media, and culture on a professional level.

The purpose of funding

The program supports projects designed to improve the target group's career prospects in Berlin in a sustainable way. To this effect, the projects should aim to put in place specific programs and structures or to expand existing programs and structures in a targeted manner and to strengthen their quality. Projects in the following areas are particularly eligible for support:

- Information and advice on the labor market in Berlin's cultural sector
- Support for positioning oneself in individual disciplines
- Networking in Berlin's cultural and creative industries

Type, scope, and volume of funding

Projects running until 31st of December 2024 are eligible for support.

Allocation of funding

Funding decisions are to be made during a selection process based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the institution submitting the application and experience with the target group
- Quality of the project design
- Sustainability of the planned measure

An independent jury consisting of three experts will evaluate the project applications.

Application Process:

We strongly recommend to start the application process in good time and to prepare all required documents in advance.

Please also ensure that you are using a stable network connection with sufficient capacity for transferring large data. Further instructions can be found in the FAQs of the online application.

Please submit your application online here:

<https://fms.verwalt-berlin.de/egokuef/egokuefservice/main>

APPLICATION COMPLETION AID:

- Upon accessing the online application centre, please choose the following:
Förderbereich (area of Funding): Spartenoffene Förderprogramme
- Please do not forget to include link(s) to your *website(s)*
- Please note that **attachments** can only be uploaded in these formats: **.docx, xlsx or .pdf**
- It is possible to include links to other files, such as photo-, video- or audio-files and make them accessible to the jury online (password-protected, if necessary).
Further material on paper will not be accepted
- Please make sure that all uploaded documents are complete and legible
- Only complete applications will be proceeded
- Please note that subsequent submissions after the deadline (21 September 2023, 6pm) are not possible

Please use these file names for the following supporting documents:

1. Project description

Max. 10 A4 pages (including the front page)

Maximum file size: 5 MB; authorized file formats: docx, pdf; authorized file name:
PB_Name of Applicant

2. Description of the cultural sector stakeholder submitting the application, including information on previous experience in supporting the target group

Max. 5 A4 pages (including the front page)

Maximum file size: 2 MB; authorized file formats: docx, pdf; authorized file name:
Info_Name of Applicant

3. Cost and financing plan (Please use “Vordruck Musterfinanzierungsplan”)

Maximum file size: 1 MB; authorized file formats: xlsx, pdf; authorized file name:
FP_Name of Applicant

4. Proof of applicant's residence in Berlin

Maximum file size: 2 MB; authorized file formats: docx, pdf; authorized file name:
MB_Name of Applicant

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

21 September, 2023 at 6 pm (CET)

Please note, that on the day of the submission deadline the application needs to be fully submitted by 6 pm (CET) including all attachments. We strongly advise you to submit your application in good time and have all necessary attachments ready beforehand. For further information on submitting applications electronically, please see our FAQs <https://www.berlin.de/sen/kultur/foerderung/antragscenter/artikel.85073.php>

Exclusion

Staff members of the Senate Department for Culture and Community, as well as their families, are not eligible to apply.

Additional information

Applications will only be considered if they are complete and submitted before the deadline.

All information will be treated confidentially and used only for the application process and funding purposes.

After the selection process has been concluded, all of the applicants will receive written notification of the results.

If the grant can be considered state aid, this funding is being awarded on the basis of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (General Block Exemption Regulation) (OJ L 187/1, 26.6.2014).

Companies that have not complied with a recovery injunction based on a previous Commission decision on the inadmissibility of an instance of state aid and its incompatibility with the internal market will not be granted individual aid.

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