



Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion

Division I A - Funding for Artists, Projects, and Independent Groups

INFORMATION SHEET

Funding program “Advice, support, and networking for transnational professionals
working in art, media and culture” 2025

Deadline for submission/application

10 October 2024 at 2 pm

Online applications must have been fully submitted by 2 pm CET. Submissions which started but were not completed by 2 pm will be automatically cancelled.

In 2025, subject to the availability of funds, Berlin’s Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion will provide funding for projects designed to facilitate the professional integration of professional artists of all disciplines who have left their countries of origin for political or humanitarian reasons.

Eligibility

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

One project partner must be responsible for the communication.

Target group

The programme aims to support arts professionals 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);

Professional artists must have completed relevant professional training and/or have worked or are still working in the arts on a professional level.

The purpose of funding

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

- Information and advice on work opportunities 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 2025 are eligible for support.

Allocation of funding

Funding decisions are 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 measures

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

The composition of the jury will be published on our website. We kindly ask you to refrain from contacting jury members. The results of the jury meeting will be communicated via email to all applicants in December 2024.

Notes on formal exclusion

- Exceeding the specified maximum number of pages, characters and/or megabytes will result in formal exclusion from the funding programme.
- When submitting your application, please ensure that you upload all the correct and necessary documents in a legible format
- Only complete applications can be processed. Subsequent submission after 10.10.2024 2pm CET is not possible

Notes on the application

The following attachments must be uploaded with the online application

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 institution 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”:

<https://www.berlin.de/sen/kultur/en/funding/funding-programmes/weltoffenes-berlin/support-program-for-transnational-professionals/>)

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

4. Proof of Berlin address

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

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

Exclusion

Staff members of the Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion, 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. In case incorrect or incomplete documents are submitted, the Senate Department will not contact you, missing documents will not be requested subsequently.

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

If the grant can be considered state aid, the funding is being awarded on the basis of Chapter I and Article 53 of Chapter III of the 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) (EU OJ L 187/1, 26.6.2014) as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1315 of 23 June 2023 (EU OJ L 167, 30.6.2023) or on the basis of Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (EU OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

Companies or sectors are excluded from funding in the cases of Article 1 Para. 2, 3 and 5 GBER.

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 by the same Member State will not be granted individual aid.

Companies in difficulty are excluded from funding in accordance with Article 1 Para. 4 Letter c GBER. Companies in difficulty are companies to which at least one of the circumstances according to Article 2 No. 18 letters a-e GBER applies.

It should be noted that information about each individual aid of over EUR 100.000 is usually published in the European Commission's State aid transparency database or on a comprehensive national or regional aid website within six months of the date of granting of the aid. Reference is also made to the reporting obligation in accordance with Article 11 GBER.

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