

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THOULATHY: CROSS BORDER COLLABORATION PROJECTS

Deadline for Submissions:
May 11, 2022 (23:59 CET)

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Open Call for Thoulathy: Cross-Border Collaboration Projects

Call for applications: open from Monday 7 March 2022
Submission deadline: on Wednesday 11 May (23:59 CET)
Results announcement: early June 2022
Kick-off meeting: end of July 2022 in Jordan (exact dates **TBC**)
Project period: August 2022- November 2023

In the framework of [All-Around Culture](#), a programme co-funded by the European Union, L'Art Rue and MitOst e.V. are pleased to launch the open call for **Cross-Border Collaboration Projects**.

We are looking for **20 cultural organisations from the 'South'** and **10 cultural organisations from the 'North'** to work together in trios (2 South organisations, 1 North organisation) on a 15-month collaboration project funded up to €40,000. Throughout the project period, selected participants will receive mentoring and peer support, participate in 3 international group meetings and join a growing network.

What is Thoulathy?

All-Around Culture aims to foster a vital cultural ecosystem as an enabling environment for social and economic inclusion of young people in seven countries across the Arab region including Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, and Libyan and Syrian communities in these countries.

As part of All-Around Culture, Thoulathy initiates and supports collaborations of cultural organisations between the following group of countries which we have divided geographically between South and North.

South Countries: Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Western Sahara, and Libyan and Syrian diaspora in these countries

North Countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and Libyan and Syrian diaspora in these countries

Due to the nature of this action's financial framework (EuropeAid), the collaboration project grants can only be concluded with organisations that have a registration in one of the following ENP South countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine or Tunisia) and collaboration activities should mainly happen in these countries.

Collaborating partners from the other listed eligible countries can be subcontracted by the selected grant holder as long as the activities are directly linked to the key objective of this call (South-South-North networking).

Why Thoulathy?

Thoulathy aims to:

- Hold a space to create partnerships and exchange knowledge
- Support building needed capacities to enable cultural organisations to collaborate regionally/ internationally using mentorship and peer learning
- Increase competences for knowledge transfer and intercultural dialogue among cultural organisations
- Support the mobility of cultural managers and programmers across the Arab region and internationally
- Support regional and international networking of organisations working with youth, remote areas, and communities in underserved areas
- Offer further learning activities in coordination with our [Ecosystems Academy](#).

Who is it for?

We are looking for **cultural professionals and managers** who represent cultural organisations that work with youth, and/or least-favoured segments of society, and/or in underserved and underprivileged areas. They have a proven capacity to develop and implement an international cultural project.

Thoulathy supports 10 collaboration projects: each collaboration includes a trio made of 2 cultural managers and their organisations from 2 different South countries and 1 from the North countries. These can be existing or new collaborations.

Applying with a Collaboration Project

Each trio submits a concept for their collaboration project, both supporting their own organisations' and communities' needs, as well as contributing to the programme's goals as listed above. They will work together for 15 months, developing and implementing their collaboration project.

The collaboration proposal includes:

- a **cross-organisational exchange** that supports the strategic development and sustainability of the 3 partners,
- a **project concept** that serves as a vehicle or space for the **learning-by-doing**, through which the strategic targets can be met.

The project can include:

- Artistic and cultural productions
- Festivals, conferences, events etc.
- Mobilities and residencies
- Toolkits, handbooks etc.
- Any other innovative formats that address the programme goals

How does it work?

After the selection, 10 collaboration trios will join a **kick-off meeting** by the end of July 2022 exact dates **TBC** in Jordan. With the support of tools and formats facilitating everyone's participation, this first meeting will focus on the **design and planning of the collaboration**, including: the cross-organisational exchange through placements to each other's cities or regions, and the collaboration project, which serves as a space for mutual learning and engagement.

Throughout the 15-month project period participants will meet for **networking, workshops and peer-to-peer exchange** within their collaborations but also in events facilitated by the Thoulathy team, such as:

- a midterm reflection of their journeys,
- a final meeting at the end of the programme, to share the outcomes and reflect on the process and share the learnings.

Thoulathy acts on different levels, offering **professional development** to individuals, as well as supporting **organisational change** processes and creating a space to experiment with **innovative collaboration project** ideas or **scale** proven cross-border initiatives.

In short, Thoulathy offers:

- 3 networking and training meetings in the South and North with moderated peer to peer learning sessions and input by experienced trainers
- 12-day reciprocal placements at the collaboration partners organisations
- Methods and tools for professional and organisational development
- Ongoing mentoring
- € 40,000 grant to develop and implement the different activities and plans of the collaboration with your partners (including the placements)
- Possibility to join the [Ecosystems Academy](#)
- The opportunity to connect with the growing All Around Culture network/ ecosystem

We are looking for:

Independent cultural NGOs, registered collectives, non-commercial companies, non-hierarchical public institutions, or any other civil society initiative working through culture that:

- Are based in one of the listed South countries OR North countries
- Are well rooted in a local community
- Have an established professional network
- Have relevant organisational and financial capacity
- Have ambition and motivation for international cooperation
- Have experience and know-how for international cooperation
- Are ready to commit to providing sufficient working time of a cultural professional with minimum 2 years work experience

The collaboration applications will be assessed by an independent jury based on the following selection criteria:

Criteria	Score
Relevance to programme objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> organisations' strategies and portfolio project concept 	25 points 3 x 5p. 10p.
Capacity of the organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> organisations (track record, portfolio, international projects/partners) representatives (experience, skills, incl. English) 	30 points 3 x 5p. 3 x 5p.
Quality of the partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complementary contributions between organisations matching strategic needs magic or alchemy between partners 	25 points 10p. 10p. 5p.
Feasibility of placements and project concept <ul style="list-style-type: none"> placement activities and budget project concept activities and budget 	10 points 5p. 5p.
Perspective of collaboration beyond project period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> partnership project 	10 points 5p. 5p.
TOTAL	100 points

Applicants need a minimum score of 70 points to qualify for the short list. Final selection will be made to ensure a balanced group based on geography, disciplines and gender.

About the application process

Deadline to apply with a collaboration concept between 3 partners (2 partners from different South countries and 1 from the North countries) is **Wednesday 11 May 2022** (23:59 CET).

During the application period, we offer virtual spaces for applicants to get to know more about Thoulathy and find partners for their collaboration ideas.

On the Thoulathy [Slack channel](#) (via web or app), you can share your own profile, find potential partners and work on your collaboration concept. We will organise live Q&A and matching sessions and we will announce the dates and the Zoom links via the Slack channel and All Around Culture communication platforms and social media ([Facebook/Instagram/Twitter](#)). Participation on Slack or in Zoom calls is highly recommended (even if you already have an established partnership) but not compulsory for application.

Apply as your trio collaboration at: [link to online application form](#)

Application deadline: Wednesday 11 May (23:59 CET)

Our main working language is **English**. Applications in other languages than English will not be accepted. We don't want language to be a barrier and therefore recommend that you join the online calls in order to find a partner who may have more experience applying in English. We are also not judging the applications based on language but on the content.

Selection of applicants and invitations to the kick-off meeting will be announced by e-mail to all applicants by the beginning of June 2022.

QUESTIONS?

Please check our [FAQ](#) and if you have further questions, please get in touch with Leyla Mohamed <leyla.mohamed@lartrue.org>