

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of 2nd Open Call for Applications for Individual Projects Funded from EEA Grants 2009-2014 under Programme CZ06 (PA17) "Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Arts", Programme Area 17 "Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage"

and

Announcement of Call for Applications for Participation at the Event in Norway

2nd Open Call PA17

Through EEA and Norway Grants, Norway, in cooperation with Iceland and Liechtenstein, contributes to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of bilateral cooperation and relations with sixteen states in Central and Southern Europe. The cooperation between the donor states and the Czech Republic promotes a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe built around the principles of good governance, democratic institutions, rule of law, respect to human rights and sustainable development.

In order to keep potential applicants for grant well-informed, we hereby release, with the Programme Operator's (Ministry of Finance) consent, the following information.

The 2nd Open Call within PA17 is expected to be announced between 20 and 24 October 2014 and will be open for two months following the date of announcement. In this context, we would like to note that the following parts of the official call may be amended in certain details according to any comments provided by the donors.

The 2nd Open Call in PA17 will be designated for:

Legal entities – an eligible applicant shall be any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial, or a non-governmental organization, established as a legal entity in the Czech Republic, or an international organization operating in the Czech Republic.

Natural persons – an eligible applicant shall be any natural person who is a legal resident in the Czech Republic.

The call going to be open to legal entities and natural persons providing cultural services, activities and managing cultural goods in the area of professional theatre, music, visual and film art.

Eligible applicants:

- National level: contributory organizations funded by the Ministry of Culture (artistic, collection-managing and scientific).
- Regions and cities/municipalities: cultural and artistic organisations funded by local administration authorities.
- Non-governmental cultural and artistic entities, non-profit cultural organizations and corporations, including natural persons, who have shown for at least three years outstanding results of their artistic effort, or activities that support high-quality art.

Eligible applicants will be all legal entities and natural persons, which have legal personality in cultural activities for longer period than three years.

The donor state **partner/partners** shall be legal entities and natural persons meeting the same eligibility criteria as Czech applicants. The donor state partner/partners are not eligible applicants. The following entities are donor state partners:

- Contributory organizations funded by the Ministry of Culture (artistic, collection-managing and scientific).
- Cultural and artistic organizations funded by local administration.
- Non-governmental cultural and artistic entities, non-profit cultural organizations and corporations, including natural persons, who have shown long-term outstanding results of their artistic effort, or activities that support high-quality art.

For four of the expected seven eligible activities (see below), coproduction with a Donor State partner/s is compulsory.

Eligible project activities shall be the following activities implemented in the Czech Republic and/or donor states, in the following areas:

1. Professional theatre (drama, theatre of movement and non-verbal theatre, professional dance and "alternative" theatre)

- 1.1. Festival, show (support to the organizer of a festival or a show of cross regional nationwide importance, particularly with participation or collaboration of a donor state partner/partners, or a show or festival of international importance) – **compulsory coproduction project.**
- 1.2. New interdisciplinary (or alternative) project (support to its production and one year of staging). The project will comply with the objectives of Programme Area 17 – **compulsory coproduction project.**
- 1.3. New performance project - support of the production of a performance project (or another type of theatre event in the field of drama and dance) and its staging – **facultative coproduction project.**

2. Professional contemporary visual arts

- 2.1. Exhibition project (support to the production and presentation of the exhibition (visual) project fulfilling the objectives of Programme Area 17) – **facultative coproduction project.**

3. Professional music (classic, contemporary and alternative music)

- 3.1. Music festival (support to the organizer of a music festival of cross-regional, nationwide importance, with participation or collaboration of a donor state partner/partners, or a festival of international importance) – **compulsory coproduction project.**
- 3.2. Concert event (support to the organization and presentation or production of an individual or larger concert event fulfilling the goals of Programme Area 17) – **facultative coproduction project.**

4. Film art

- 4.1. Film festival or show (support to the organizer of an event aiming at the fulfilment of Programme Area 17 objectives, expanding international partnership) - **compulsory coproduction project.**

Recommended complementary activities:

It is desirable that the implementation of the above eligible activities should involve complementary activities carried out in bilateral cooperation with donor state partners: a creative workshop, specialised course, conference or seminar.

Amount of grant, commencement and completion of projects, co-financing:

- The minimum amount of grant for a project is 265,000 CZK (10,000 EUR) and the maximum amount of grant is 4,240,000 CZK (160,000 EUR).
- The deadline for eligibility of costs shall be 30 April 2016 (expected time of starting of projects - April 2015).
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- The amount of grant for each project shall be stipulated as the minimum amount necessary for the implementation of the proposed project and shall not exceed 90% of the total costs.

All requirements for filing of applications for grant will be set forth in the official text announcing the 2nd Open Call for PA 17 and additional information will be available at the seminar for future applicants to be held in November. The exact date of the seminar will be announced in time on www.norskefondy.cz.

Application development event with donor state partner(s)

Alongside with the official announcement of the 2nd Open Call for PA17, there will be also a **Call for applications for participation in an application development event held in Norway within the Fund for Bilateral Relations ad Programme Level – Measure “A”**. The call will be open to eligible applicants from the 2nd Open Call in PA17 who expect to implement their projects in collaboration with a relevant donor state partner (from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein). Support will be provided to their participation in an application development event with a donor state partner and to jointly prepare an application for a donor partnership project. Given the limited capacity of the seminar, the participants will be selected based on published selection criteria, such as the quality of the project idea filed in the 2nd Open Call, the expected outcome and level of bilateral cooperation. We expect that the seminar will last 2 days and will take place in Oslo in November this year. Selected participants will be reimbursed for travel and accommodation costs and will be provided with meal allowance. The text of the call, instructions for applicants and application form (for participation at the event) will be published on www.norskefondy.cz and www.eegrants.cz. The call will be limited in time (approximately 1 week).