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OPEN CALL

for **Artists** | **Creatives** | **Curators**
Deadline | *Sunday, 17. November 2024*

Ethiopia

Through the medium of the arts, EUNIC Ethiopia’s “**Stations of Culture - Stations of Dialogue**” project nurtures dialogue with the purpose of building social cohesion and peace within times featuring reduced spaces for civic society and creative expression. By curating engaging cultural experiences on sites along the first Addis Abeba - Djibouti train line and related sites across Ethiopia (and possibly Djibouti), the project creates innovative platforms for cultural exchange, artistic expression and open dialogue for a period of six weeks between March and May 2025. The “Stations” project explores contemporary European and Ethiopian cultural approaches for dialogue beyond the usual audiences residing in the capital and towns along the first 800 km Ethiopia - Djibouti railway.

The project thus aims to spark lasting dialogue at three levels: between EUNIC Ethiopia members and their local partners, between the participating European and Ethiopian artists, and amongst the audiences participating in the cultural experiences.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Proposals for cultural and artistic projects that:

- ▶ Use engaging formats to promote public discourse and free artistic expression
- ▶ Feature open, participatory and engaging content that audiences can experience in both physical and virtual public spaces
- ▶ Bring together different artists and creatives from the creative sectors in Europe and Ethiopia

Challenge the traditional ideas about how art and creative content should be made and experienced

- ▶ Use art and creativity to highlight important social and environmental topics in creative communities or society overall
- ▶ Highlight the value of art and creativity

Be advised, proposals will need to be submitted until 17. November 2024.

Individual artists, ensembles and creative enterprises can apply with their ideas.

Selected creative and cultural activities, especially those focusing on open dialogue and peace building, will be presented to the public in the cities of Addis Abeba and Dire Dawa.

Cross-format activities or art projects that combine physical and digital experiences are highly valued.

NOTE:

“Station of Culture - Stations of Dialogue” is a project by EUNIC Ethiopia and their partners. EUNIC – European Union National Institutes for Culture – is Europe’s network of national cultural institutes and organisations, with 36 members from all 28 EU member states.

As such, art projects and cultural activities that promote open exchange between artists based in Ethiopia and Europe are given special consideration.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, you will need to compile the following:

- ▶ A short bio of the applying individual or group (max 200 words)
- ▶ A comprehensive CV or portfolio containing your relevant experiences, worksamples & contact information
- ▶ A project proposal (max. 3 pages) or a short video presentation (max. 6 minutes)

After compiling the items above, send them via email to Ammanuel.felleke@goethe.de with the subject line “**Stations 2024 - Artist**”.

Please note that the project proposal or video presentation must clearly describe the concept of the cultural activity or art project.

Furthermore, it should explain how it relates to the general theme and in what formats it will be produced and showcased.

Applications must be submitted in English.

- * *Be advised that the applicant's project proposal must include a clear and realistic budget breakdown for all proposed activities.*

SELECTED APPLICANTS

Selected applicants will be invited to participate in workshops with experts and artists to refine their concepts and set a timeline where physical, digital, and hybrid experiences will be showcased.

On top of receiving budget and in-kind support to realize their proposed activities, selected applicants will get:

- ▶ Opportunities to exchange ideas and collaborate with a range of professionals from the creative scene
- ▶ Networking opportunities with local and international artists
- ▶ Public visibility and acknowledgement for their part in this broad and multi-cultural project

NOTE:

Submissions made after **6.00pm - Sunday, 17. November 2024** will not be considered.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Goethe-Institut Äthiopien at
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or

Attend the Information Session on Thursday,
01. November 2024 at The Urban Center.