

## ENCC UP Grants : full call for applications



### General information

Are you a socio-cultural centre running a project on sustainability, innovation, community and territorial development? Do you want to make your work visible and recognised on the European level and inspirational for others?

The ENCC re-introduces its UP Grants, open to all socio-cultural centres throughout Europe. This funding scheme aims to help sustainability and innovative initiatives already in place, in order to boost them, provide visibility and inspire others. It does not only collect existing best practices, but attempts to give them a boost for further development - a dynamic initiative in a changing context.

**Who may submit their ideas?** All the ENCC members, members of the ENCC networks, and all non-profit socio-cultural centres in Europe may apply for ENCC UP Grants. Feel free to submit one or several applications, we want to hear about your projects!

**What's in it for my organisation?** 4 selected projects will receive a grant of 3500€. 4 extra grants will also be given to Italian initiatives from Piemonte, Liguria and Valle d'Aosta by our partner Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo. The 8 selected best practices will be showcased on the ENCC website and other ENCC communication channels and invited to join our [conference in Turin next June](#). All ideas will be included in a database and get visibility at national and international levels.

**What's the pre-selection process?** A team of ENCC representatives will check all projects to make sure they're presented by organisations eligible for the UP Grants.

**How will the projects be designated?** Best practices will be selected combining the evaluation of a jury of experts and the results of public online voting. We will prioritise sustainable initiatives engaging the local community, citizens and organisations working in other sectors, as well as actions that value inclusion and diversity as part of sustainability, and can prove their impact through the use of proper quantitative and qualitative indicators. Additional points will also be given to actions involving wider audiences and cooperation beyond cultural centres, territorial development and civic participation.

### **Timing**

15 April 2022: launch of the initiative

15 April - 16 May 2022: Submit your project/idea and its possible developments.

18- 30 May 2022: Public and expert voting.

14 June: presentation of winners in Turin

June-October 2022: the selected projects implement the follow-up plan

14 November 2022: deadline for reporting and sharing all relevant materials.

### **The Strands**

2 main Strands with different focuses:

- 1) Awareness and pattern change/mindshift: art and culture can shape how people think and influence their behaviours, also in relation to sustainability.

2 main focuses:

- a. Education and awareness raising
- b. Arts and sustainability

- 2) Footprint of culture: how can cultural centres be more sustainable? 2 main focuses:

- a. organising an event
- b. managing a sociocultural centre

### **How to apply?**

Read the full conditions in the "Guidelines" (see top of page) to make sure your project is eligible.

Go to "Apply" (see top of page) and submit your idea before 16th of May 2022.

You can check applications from other organisations in the "Submissions" tab (see top of page). NB: project proposals will not appear immediately in Submissions, as they must first be checked and approved by the ENCC office team.

Do you have a question about the initiative or the application process? Write to Pierre Vachaud, Project and Membership Officer ([pierre.vachaud@encc.eu](mailto:pierre.vachaud@encc.eu)).

## Guidelines

Here you'll find detailed explanations of how to submit your idea to the ENCC UP Grants programme.

### Eligibility and preconditions

All ENCC members, members of ENCC network members, as well as other nonprofit socio-cultural centres located in Europe (respecting Creative Europe Programme geographical eligibility) can participate in the ENCC UP Grants. This scheme aims to support sustainability and innovative initiatives already in place, in order to boost them.

Organisations are requested to report and share all relevant materials for further developing their project (enlarging it, promoting and giving it more visibility, adding new elements, etc.). Each participating organisation is allowed to submit several projects. All of them must be shared using the specific application form. Within this form, applicants are free to use their creativity and decide how to best present their idea (i.e. using pictures, a video or a presentation).

Please note that the presentation of the project is very important, both for the selection process and for inclusion on the database of best practices - make sure you dedicate enough time and care to preparing the application!

### Selection criteria

Presented projects must :

- Fit one of the 2 main strands
- Be innovative
- Contribute to awareness building and/or reach a wider community or a new type of target group
- Clearly assess their impact through the use of quantitative and qualitative indicators relevant to the specific initiative.

Priority will be given to initiatives that engage the local community, citizens and organisations working in other sectors, highlighting the networking aspect of the practice. Additional points will also be given to actions involving wider audiences and cooperation beyond cultural centre, territorial development and civic participation.

Organisations are also invited to explain the additionality provided by the UP Grants (why the money provided would make a difference in relation to this particular project).

### Schedule and timing

Applications presenting the ongoing project and its possible developments can be submitted from 15th of April to 16th of May 2022. Voting will take place from 18th to 30th of May 2022. Selected projects will be asked to implement their follow up plan in cooperation with the ENCC from July to the end of October 2022. A short report, including all supportive materials is expected by the 14th of November 2022.

## **Selection process**

A team composed by ENCC representatives will check the eligibility of submitted projects. All eligible proposals will participate in the selection. Best practices will be selected combining the evaluation of a jury of experts and the results of public online voting.

## **Benefits**

All eligible projects will be included in a database and get visibility at national and international level.

4 selected projects will receive a grant of 3500€. 4 extra grants of the same amount will also be awarded to Italian initiatives located in 3 regions (Piemonte, Liguria, Valle d'Aosta) by our partner Fondazione Compagnia Di Sanpaolo. The 8 selected best practices will be showcased on the ENCC website and other ENCC communication channels. Winners will be invited to join our international conference to be held in Turin next June (link) and to present their project there.

## **Strands and Focuses:**

Strand 1. Awareness and pattern change/mindshift: art and culture can shape how people think and influence their behaviours, also in relation to sustainability.

2 main focuses:

- Education and awareness raising
- Arts and sustainability

Strand 2. Footprint of culture: how can we be more sustainable?

2 main focuses:

- Organising an event
- Managing socio cultural centre

To participate, click on "Apply" at the top of this page.

For any questions related to the UP Grants or to the application process, please contact Pierre Vachaud, Project and Membership Officer ([pierre.vachaud@encc.eu](mailto:pierre.vachaud@encc.eu)).

## **Voting process**

### **Voting Instructions**

Voting is open from the 18th April to the 30th May 2022. Everyone accessing the voting platform can vote. The voting platform can be found under the Submissions tab on the main contest page. You may click on a single submission and find a large, red vote button at the bottom of the submission's summary. Each voter is asked to vote for a maximum of 2 projects in each strand, for a maximum of 10 possible votes. No voter may vote several times for the same project.

### **The Jury of Experts and the evaluation**

The jury of experts gathers experts related to the 2 thematic strands, a member of the ENCC board of Directors and a member of the ENCC coordination office. As mentioned in the guidelines, each project will be evaluated against 6 aspects: innovation, awareness building, impact, engagement of the local community, additionality of the support, and the relevance of the project within the framework of the UP Grants. Each aspect will have equal importance and members of the jury will assign a mark from 0 to 2 to each of the six aspects per project, with 12 being the highest score.

### **Selection and Final Scoring**

Selected projects will be identified through the mathematical combination of 2 types of vote: - A score deriving from the number of online votes received by each project - the mark assigned to each project by the jury of experts.

In order to be selected, each project will need to get a high mark from the jury of experts and a high number of online votes, as both elements count for up to 50% of the final ranking.

Thank you again to everyone for their participation in the UP Grants. For any questions about the UP Grants and the selection process, please contact Pierre Vachaudéz, Project and Membership Officer ([pierre.vachaudéz@encc.eu](mailto:pierre.vachaudéz@encc.eu)).

**Click [here](#) to find the application form and submit your proposal.**

