

# Artivism Alliance: In Motion

*Supporting artists to create, collaborate, and act*

## Open call overview:

Artivism Alliance: In Motion is an open call supporting artists of all ages to develop cross-border projects that combine artistic creation with social impact. It is open to individuals with experience in artistic creation for social justice who are committed to collaborative, cross-border work. Selected groups will receive mentoring, access to the broader Artivism Alliance network, and micro-grants to move their ideas from concept to implementation. They are also invited to participate in a residency to deepen connections, strengthen collaboration, and advance their ongoing work.

Projects supported through this call are expected to foster and promote dialogue between artistic practices and to engage meaningfully with social contexts. Cross-border collaboration will be assessed not only based on geographic diversity, but on the quality of co-creation between team members.

Since 2023, the [Emerging Leaders Artivism Alliance](#) has supported artists with migration backgrounds to strengthen their leadership, confidence, and strategic practice. Now in its fourth edition, the Alliance has evolved from individual capacity building toward collective movement building. This edition responds directly to that shift – resourcing groups of artists to collaborate across borders and create together.

## What we support

We support transnational group projects that use creativity to drive social change.

Projects must:

- Use artistic creation (not just a theme) as a tool for social impact
- Involve collaborators from at least 2 countries
- Demonstrate meaningful cross-border collaboration in the design, creation, and delivery of the project

- Engage local communities or audiences in at least one participating country
- Include at least one Artivism Alliance member with an active role in the project

**It is open to groups consisting of:**

- Artists
- Creative practitioners
- Cultural professionals
- Arts and cultural organisations
- Networks, hubs, and collectives

Existing projects are eligible if they incorporate a new and collaborative element. Projects focused solely on artistic production without a clear social impact dimension are not eligible.

This call is specifically designed to support people with migration or transnational backgrounds. We particularly encourage applications from communities whose work is often under-resourced, including people of colour, Black and Indigenous peoples, women and gender-nonconforming individuals, LGBTQIA+ individuals, people with disabilities, and neurodivergent individuals.

***Please read the FAQ for all information related to this call.***

**Additional eligibility conditions**

- At least one group member must be a current or former Artivism Alliance participant
- Groups must include between 2 and 4 members
- Each group must designate one lead applicant, who will serve as the main point of contact, submit the application on behalf of the group, and be responsible for receiving and managing the micro-grant
- The lead applicant must be an organisation or a registered freelancer/self-employed artist able to receive funds
- A secondary point of contact must also be named to ensure continuity of communication
- Full information for all group members must be provided in the application, including name, country of residence, and organisational affiliation if applicable
- All countries involved in the collaboration must be clearly specified

## Micro-grant amounts

- Cross-regional collaborations (group members **based in** at least 2 different regions, e.g. Africa–Europe, MENA–Africa, or MENA–Europe): **up to €2,500**
- Same-region collaborations (all group members **based** in the same region, e.g. Africa–Africa, MENA–MENA, or Europe–Europe): **up to €1,500**

*For details on how regions are defined, see the FAQ.*

**Projects must be delivered between December 2026 and May 2027.**

## Application Process

This call uses a two-stage application process.

### Stage 1: Expression of Interest

Each full group is asked to submit:

- Application information about each group member and contact details
- Organisational status (registered organisation, entrepreneur, informal collective, etc.)
  - Confirmation that the lead applicant is legally able to receive the micro-grant or
  - Confirmation of a sponsor organisation (fiscal host)
- Project Concept note & rough budget

Stage 1 deadline: **31st July 18:00 CET 2026**

Pre-selected groups notified by: **18–20th August 2026**

### Stage 2: Full Application

Pre-selected groups will be invited to submit a full application. The lead applicant is responsible for submitting the application on behalf of the group.

Stage 2 applicants will be asked to provide:

- A full project application
  - Project team, collaboration, and implementation details
  - A detailed budget using the provided template
  - Initial results and learning
  - Potential risks and strategy
- Any additional information requested by the selection panel, if needed

Stage 2 deadline: **15th September 18:00 CET 2026**

Final decisions communicated by: **End of September 2026**

Stage 2 applicants are expected to develop their proposals independently. Please note that selected groups will receive dedicated support at the start of the programme to refine and strengthen their projects, so the full application does not need to be perfect — it simply needs to be clear and sufficiently developed for the jury committee to assess its potential.

## How to Apply

To apply for Stage 1 (Expression of Interest), please follow the steps below:

1. Download the **Expression of Interest template** and **budget template**.
2. Complete both documents in full.
3. Ensure that all required fields are completed clearly and accurately.
4. Please respect the word limits indicated in each section. Applications that significantly exceed the stated limits may not be considered.
5. Submit your completed **Expression of Interest form** and **budget template** by email no later than 31st of July at 18:00 Central European Time (CET).
6. Use the following subject line:

**Artivism Alliance: In Motion – Expression of Interest**

7. Send your application to: [karla@placce-network.org](mailto:karla@placce-network.org)

## What Happens Next?

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee.

Groups shortlisted for **Stage 2** will be contacted and invited to submit a **Full Application**, including a detailed project plan, implementation approach, budget, and detailed expected outcomes.

## Program Phases:

- **October–December 2026:** Project Refinement Period
- **January 2027 –May 2027:** Project implementation
- **March 2027:** Residency (venue and date TBC)
- **During the full program period:**
  - Masterclass sessions to refine your strategies
  - Monthly one-to-one guidance, plus opportunities for external connections.

## About PLACE

PLACE Network is an European organization and platform advancing inclusive societies by centering the leadership, creativity, and expertise of people with migration backgrounds. Across Europe and beyond, PLACE works at the intersection of culture, democracy, and socio-economic innovation to ensure that those most affected by structural inequalities and barriers are shaping the systems that govern our collective future.

PLACE's **three Strategic Hubs** act as mutually reinforcing levers of systemic change:

- **Arts, Culture & Society**
- **Governance & Policymaking**
- **Socio-economic Inclusion**

Since 2023, PLACE has coordinated the Emerging Leaders Artivism Alliance across multiple programme cycles, developing trusted relationships with activists across Europe and Africa.