



Call for experts to support European Capitals of Culture

The 'Capacity Building for European Capitals of Culture' project is seeking professionals from a variety of disciplines to join its pool of experts. This expert group will help bridge gaps in skills in the implementing teams of European Capitals of Culture.

The project consortium is looking for experts in different fields to help meet key capacity building needs of the [European Capitals of Culture](#) (ECoC) action. Organising teams of each ECoC will be able to tap into this expert pool when searching for specific knowledge and skills.

In particular, experts are sought in the following areas:

- audience development
- conflict resolution
- change management
- legal (including intellectual property rights and licensing agreements for culture)
- monitoring and evaluation in the cultural sector

Experts in management, communications, coordination and international relations are also needed.

The call for experts will remain open throughout the project. Candidates will be assessed by an expert panel of five members:

- Mercedes Giovinazzo (Interarts)
- Jordi Pascual from (United Cities and Local Governments - UCLG)
- Giannalia Cogliandro Beyens (European network on cultural management and policy - ENCATC)
- Becky Riches (Matera 2019 team)
- Caroline Kadziola (Mons 2015 team)

Those interested in applying to this call should visit the [project website](#) for more details.

The website will include news around the project and its planned activities, such as Academy Camps, Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) and webinars. It will also provide a repository for ECoCs-related material over the coming months.

What is the 'Capacity building for European Capitals of Culture' project?

The 'Capacity building for European Capitals of Culture' project is a service contract for the European Commission run by the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture.

The project started in October 2019 and runs for 30 months, supporting capacity building and peer-learning activities for ECoCs. It aims to provide selected cities with practical support where skills gaps have been identified, with a robust technical assistance structure, a set of tools,

materials, practical and theoretical expertise and knowledge while enhancing networking opportunities for ECoC organising teams.

Specific activities to help build ECoCs' capacity will include Academy Camps, toolkits, webinars and MOOCs. As part of the project, a repository will be developed for relevant materials (e.g. documents and multimedia). Initially populated by the consortium, this will be continued by users themselves.

The project consortium brings together key European organisations representing the cultural sector across the EU led by the European Association for Information on Local Development (AEIDL), a not-for-profit organisation that has been coordinating international projects for over 30 years.

Background

European Capitals of Culture highlight the richness and diversity of cultures in Europe and the potential of culture for urban sustainable development: they help to regenerate cities and raise their profile, breathing new life into a city's culture

Partners

Association Européenne pour l'Information sur le Développement Local (AEIDL) – lead partner

Interarts – Fundació Interarts per a la cooperació cultural internacional

European Network on Cultural Management and Policy (ENCATC)

Culture Action Europe (CAE)

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) – subcontractor

More information: <https://capacitybuildingecocs.eu/>