

## **DISCUSSION NOTES**

### **How to become a member country**

A country must apply to become a member of the mobility program. It's a growing family and any country is free to join. Prior to acceptance, there has to be official communication with involved parties, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and preferably a lobby with the right officials should take place.

### **What genres/areas of expertise are supported by the program**

The mobility program supports variety of categories, including co-production.

### **What does it take for an applicant to receive funds**

As of this moment, less than 10 % of applicants are granted funds, however the organization will endeavour to acquire more funds elsewhere.

The applicants are often chosen based on the "unusual suspect" principle, meaning applicants with rather diverse background in terms of both inbound and outbound country, presented ideas etc. are often prioritized. Nevertheless, the artistic merit of the application is always the basis for reviewing the application. Every applicant is asked to provide the organization with a cover letter, content of the visit and planned itinerary.

### **What is covered by the fund?**

Travel costs are always covered by the fund, however there has been slight cuts in what's covered and an applicant is recommended to check the website for further information. All in all, it depends on the purpose of the travel. If a participant is invited by the organization, all charges are covered, usually including the visa and accommodation. For free movers, we offer to cover the tickets, additional coverage can be discussed with the organization. As we try to encourage young people to participate, there is room for extra support for some disadvantaged groups but it needs to be communicated with the organization. There is no need to deliver tickets for reimbursement, only the itinerary. If there are additional means of transport involved, it should be discussed with the organization.

### **Visa/Legal support**

It's expected from a participant to handle all the paperwork upon applying, especially visa requirements. If a participant is invited by the organization, all the administration is taken care of.

### **Applying as an organization**

Up to 5 people are allowed to apply within an organization, depending on the region. If needed, an organization can get together a bigger group for the visit but the extra participants have to travel at their own cost.

### **Extending the visit**

There is no reason to spend time in given country only for the project purpose. An applicant is free to extend the visit as much as he/she wants. However, a chosen participant must provide the organization with the itinerary, including the extension. That's how the organization aim to collect valuable data on the participants' use of given opportunity.

Applicants are also allowed to buy open-jaw tickets, but it must be borne in mind that the

additional time spent is not covered by the fund and a participant is extending the visit at his/her own cost.

### **Getting in contact with people of interest abroad**

Besides the financial help, the organization also provides social support, meaning it can provide you with important contacts and even connect you to the right people in the country of interest. It's also possible, that the organization will get into touch with some of the people participating on the project abroad and asks them for a feedback on the cooperation. It's for the organization to ensure that the cooperation is working on both sides and it shouldn't be perceived as a display of distrust.

The organization can also provide contact details of people abroad who are interested in the same topic, if asked.

To some extent, it's possible to provide support for connecting NGOs and/or GOs together where possible. Variety of online contact sources is also available.

At the moment, there is no capacity to provide participants with useful information on given country, there's usually a contact person who will welcome you upon your arrival and provide you with some useful information.

### **Deadlines**

All important deadlines are mentioned on the organization's website. One can apply only for the current deadline for given period.

### **Mobility for artistic researches**

For applying researchers, it's required to hand over a portfolio or a summary of the credentials.