

About us:

Valka Municipality Council is located in Valka, Latvia. Our city is one of the unique cities around the world, the city is located on the border of Latvia and Estonia, and Valga is the twin city of Valka. "One city in two states". Therefore we have an interesting environment, two different cultures and languages in one place.

We are a small Municipality with 6000 inhabitants, in Valga there are approximately 11 000 inhabitants. As we are twin cities, we are planning our events and projects together, we have participated in many Latvian-Estonian projects, also in Latvian-Estonian-Russian projects. Valka Municipality Council has a good basis in project management, we have participated in many EU projects as Lead partners and as Project partners.

We are searching Project partners for our project (described below) where we are the Lead partner **or** we are ready to participate as Project partners for some Lead partner, where we could implement some of our ideas. We are planning to participate in Creative Europe's subprogram's "Culture" activity European cooperation project.

If we start as a Lead partner, we will participate in **Category 1 - Smaller scale cooperation projects:**

- Project leader + at least 2 partners from 3 different countries
- At least one from EU Member State or EFTA country
- EU grant max. 200.000 € - 60% of total eligible budget

If we start as a Project partner for some Lead partner, then we can participate in both, **Category 1** or **Category 2**.

If you have any questions you are free to ask.

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About the planed project:

“New lights and colors of Borders”

The main objective – to tear down the boundaries between three arts, sculpture, painting and theater, thus creating new cultural product.

The result – united artists from different schools, with different expressions and ways of thinking, as a result in creating a new authentic product in culture.

The challenge - creating an independent work of art, we are looking for synthesis / fusion momentum, which is digitized, stored and presented to the general public by using the modern IT possibilities. In parallel, creating a new culture management approach.

Throughout the project, artists and the process of art will be documented in a digital form (filmed / photographed) so the created outcome can be available to the general public group. All created information will be available and broadcasted on the Internet, if necessary, also in DVD format.

The 3 main branches of art in this project:

- 1.) Sculpture
- 2.) Painting
- 3.) Theater

Residences of Sculpture (2 artists from each country):

Working material - Latvian boulder, it comes from the earth and has a firm consistency, but it is alive and carries the past and the history. After chopping of the unnecessary borders from the stone, the light starts to play with the rock's fracture and as a result we get a new authentic work of art.

In Latvia the sculptures will be created from boulder, but each Project partner can choose the most pleasant material from which the sculptures will be made of. The created sculptures in each country remain in their country as art exhibits.

Each country's artists make their sculptures by their own style and folk customs, but within the contemporary art guidelines.

Residences of Painting (3 artists from each country):

Painting artists gain inspiration and the necessary push from the already finished sculptures, and they reflect the inspiration in their paintings, thus creating their own new independent work. The light-colored glare, resulting from the light falling on the sculptures, painters use in their paintings.

Artists are painting on canvas in a contemporary art style.

Residences of Theatrical performances (1 theater from each country):

The created artworks are lifeless and motionless, through all the dances in theater these created artworks will become alive, the dancer with his body movements will enliven them.

Before the theater performances, to the each Project partner will be sent previously filmed videos from the sculpture and painting residencies, so the directors and artists could timely prepare for the dances and performances, drawing inspiration from those artworks and the process.

!!! There are planned theatrical performances in each Project partner's country, taking inspiration from the seen and experienced in each country. But in case the budget is insufficient, there will be held only one final / closing theatrical performance in the country of the projects Lead partner. !!!

The created artworks in this project would serve as the first collection of artworks in our "Cross-border contemporary art and cultural center", which is located on the Latvian and Estonian border (Valka / Valga). A unique soviet military base will be specially modified to create this center. We are tearing down the boundaries between the military, politics and the arts.