

Partner search form
For Creative Europe project applications

Call	<i>European Cooperation Projects 2025</i>
Strand or category	<i>Small scale cooperation project</i>
Cultural operator – who are you?	
Name of organisation	<i>Urban Boat</i>
Country	<i>France</i>
Organisation website	<i>www.urbanboat.fr</i>
Contact person	<i>Alexia Balindjian - urbanboat.thabor@gmail.com - +33 6 38 29 74 02</i>
Organisation type	<i>Non profit organization</i>
Scale of the organization	<i>Small scale, 2 employees</i>
PIC number	<i>84426583500018</i>
Aims and activities of the organisation	<i>In the footsteps of Urban Spree, a multidisciplinary space located in Berlin dedicated to urban cultures and music, Urban Boat is a barge conceived as a unique itinerant cultural and artistic tool. Featuring a floating outdoor stage powered entirely by solar energy, Urban Boat can host concerts, performances, screenings, and, with its numerous cabins, provides a spacious workspace and a sound creation studio. It is not only a distinctive venue for artistic residencies but also a place for artistic creation.</i>
Role of the organisation in the project	<i>Lead</i>
Previous EU grants received	<i>MUSICAIRE (Music Moves Europe), Culture Moves Europe</i>
Proposed Creative Europe project – to which project are you looking for partners?	
Sector or field	<i>Music, health</i>
Description or summary of the proposed project	<i>Our project is based on the observation that Belgium has many music groups featuring artists with disabilities (Choolers Division, Chevalier Surprise, Wild Classical Music Ensemble, etc.). These groups stand out for their high musical quality and highlight the talents of artists with disabilities, especially those with intellectual disabilities. This made us wonder: why do so many of these groups emerge in Belgium?</i>
	<i>After co-organizing a festival (IN.OUT.SIDER festival, Brussels) on this topic for the last 3</i>

year and hosting several roundtable discussions and professional meetings, we found that these groups often come from collaborations between artists or collectives, and care centers that host people with disabilities. When the right environment is provided, and creativity can flow freely—especially through alternative and raw music practices—the talent of these individuals can be fully expressed, resulting in bands with rare energy and quality.

Our project aims to explore different artistic practices across European centers, study how these centers can evolve to better support and highlight the abilities of people with disabilities, and, most importantly, encourage connections (which we hope we'll last after the project) between artists or collectives and these centers. The goal is to present art as a genuine opportunity for "work" or, at the very least, as an activity that can positively impact individuals with disabilities, enhancing the quality of these practices. Additionally, we aim to create real artistic collaborations and encourage the emergence of new inclusive musical bands, which remain far too few outside Belgium.

We are still in the planning and reflection stage and would love to connect with day centers, hospital facilities, or other care institutions interested in bringing alternative artistic practices into their spaces. We are also eager to meet artists or collectives who are open to experimenting and working with people with disabilities.

Partners currently involved in the project

IN.OUT.SIDER Festival (Brussels)

Partners searched – which type of partner are you looking for?

From country or region

No preference

Preferred field of expertise

Artists, collectives of artists or cultural organizations with an interest/expertise in working with people with disabilities

Care centers for people with disabilities that have or are looking to develop artistic practice workshops (particularly in music) for their members and that have an interest in outsider art practices.

Any partners from health, cultural or other sector that might find an interest in our project

Please get in contact no later than

No limit date

Projects searched – are you interested in participating in other EU projects as a partner?

Yes / no

Yes

Which kind of projects are you looking for?

Europe Creative or any projects that may be related to our project

Publication of partner search

This partner search can be published?*

Yes