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## Partner search form

For Creative Europe project applications

Call	Support to European Cooperation Projects 2025
Strand or category	Small Scale Cooperation Projects / Medium scale/ Large Scale Cooperation Projects

#### Cultural operator – who are you?

Name of organisation	Shape Aps
Country	Italy
Organisation website	https://shape.bo.it/   https://robotfestival.it/en/   https://geminifestival.com/
Contact person	Elisa Trento (President and project manager) elisa@shape.bo.it, +39 3334478276
Organisation type	Cultural association
Scale of the organization	National
PIC number	933675538
Aims and activities of the organisation	Shape is a cultural association based in Bologna, dedicated to promoting electronic music and digital arts through innovative projects and urban space enhancement. Active for over 20 years, Shape organizes events, live performances, DJ sets, workshops, screenings, and installations, fostering cultural exchange and artistic discovery. Our flagship initiative, <b>ROBOT Festival</b> , is an international event exploring the intersection of electronic music, digital arts, and cultural heritage. We also run educational programs such as <b>ROBOT Kids</b> , which introduces young people to digital creativity, and <b>ROBOT Learn</b> , a platform for training and professional development with a strong focus on inclusivity, accessibility, and environmental sustainability. We are seeking European partners to collaborate on projects that promote digital skills, cultural innovation, and social inclusion through art, music, and technology. We are present year-round at the main industry festivals and markets across Europe.
Role of the organisation in the project	Shape APS: Expert in event curation, dj sets and live performances and a key partner in cultural and digital innovation Shape APS brings over 20 years of expertise in curating and producing cultural events, with a strong focus on electronic music and digital arts. As a project partner, we contribute by

	organizing DJ sets, live performances, audiovisual shows, and immersive artistic experiences in diverse urban and cultural spaces. We are now actively working on the internationalization of our projects participating in meetings, working groups, and European upskilling initiatives. We increasingly feel the need and the strong desire to return to a transnational dimension through co-productions and residencies, mobility for both ourselves and artists, exchanges of best practices. Through our flagship ROBOT Festival, we have developed a solid network of international artists, producers, and cultural operators, ensuring high-quality programming and audience engagement. We also design educational and capacity- building activities to foster new talent and promote diversity in the music and arts sector.
Previous EU grants received	AVNode   LPM 2015 > 2018 – Creative Europe Grant Shape was a partner of AV Node, an international network of artists and professionals organizing festivals and/or working in the fields of audio visual performing arts. The project, co- funded by the Creative Europe - Culture Subprogramme (Large Scale Cooperation Project), aimed to support artists, festivals, and cultural organizations in developing and disseminating audiovisual performing arts across Europe. Through AV Node, Shape APS contributed to the organization of live performances, workshops, and networking events, fostering collaboration between emerging and established artists in the digital arts and music scene.

### Proposed Creative Europe project – to which project are you looking for partners?

Sector or field	
Description or summary of	-
the proposed project	
Partners currently involved	-
in the project	

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

From country or region	
Preferred field of expertise	<ul> <li>Performing, sound and visual arts</li> <li>New technologies and digital media</li> <li>Social inclusion and accessibility</li> <li>Cultural heritage and innovation</li> <li>Environmental sustainability in the arts</li> <li>Education and skills development</li> </ul>
Please get in contact no later than	

# 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?	We are interested in projects that foster cultural exchange, artistic innovation, and the intersection of digital technologies with contemporary performing arts. Particularly projects that involve transnational collaboration, create platforms for emerging artists, and focus on experimenting with new forms of digital and interactive performance. We are also looking for projects that emphasize accessibility, inclusivity, and sustainability within the cultural sector, promoting equal opportunities for diverse audiences and reducing the environmental impact of artistic practices. We are open to considering other partnership requests that align with our mission and values.
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#### Publication of partner search

This partner search can be published?*	Yes
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