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Creative Europe 2020 Cooperation Projects show continued success for UK-European cultural partnerships despite Brexit uncertainty

Creative Europe, the EU's funding programme to support creative and cultural sectors, has awarded **€1.75 million in funding to 22 UK cultural organisations from across all four nations** as part of its 2020 Cooperation Projects, despite the call for applications taking place during a period of Brexit uncertainty.

- **22 UK organisations** will benefit from **€1,754,931 in** for their involvement in 20 Cooperation Projects, joint cultural initiatives with European countries, ranging from performing arts to heritage and music.
- **78% of UK organisations** receiving funding are based outside London, including projects in Leeds, Belfast, Edinburgh, and Swansea.
- The UK's **application success rate** of 46.5% is higher than the European average of 29.6%.
- **One in five of all 2020 funded projects** has a UK partner.

This year's funding call resulted in UK partnerships with **29 of the 40 other countries** which take part in Creative Europe, demonstrating that UK cultural, creative and heritage organisations continue to **value and be valued when it comes to collaboration with European counterparts.**

During the current Creative Europe programme from 2014-20, UK organisations have been awarded **a total of €23,798,088** for Cooperation Projects activity.

22 SUCCESSFUL UK-WIDE ORGANISATIONS IN 2020:

Funded partnerships include two innovative Small Cooperation Projects with Lead Partners from regional English organisations that received €391,390 between them. **International Arts Partnership** from Sussex leads 'The Transmission', engaging 200+ young people from across Europe to collaborate on creating audio dramas; **SAFE Regeneration** from the North West of England is leading 'Collective Moves: Libertalia', creating training and performances inspired by European pirate heritage.

Brian Dawe, CEO of SAFE Regeneration said, "we're really excited about working with an array of such talent artists and can't wait to create shared experiences for our communities across Europe to enjoy. We feel quite privileged to be supported by Creative Europe to deliver this project at a time when we need something positive to celebrate".

In Wales, **University of Wales Trinity Saint David** was awarded funding as a partner in two separate projects: the three-year Large Cooperation Project 'Craft Hub' with nine partners, including **Craft Scotland**; and **Literature Across Frontiers at UWTSD**, collaborating in a project to promote contemporary Arabic literature across Europe.

Dr Shelley Doolan, Senior Research Fellow at UWTSD, said of Craft Hub, "this is a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with creative practitioners, researchers and communities throughout Europe, exploring and celebrating the richness of craft – its heritage as well as contemporary innovation".

Three organisations in Scotland will participate in Creative Europe projects for the first time. This includes **Edinburgh Printmakers** who will offer residencies for refugee and migrant artists at one of five print studios across Europe for the 'Into the Margins' project.

Shân Edwards, Chief Executive at Edinburgh Printmakers said: "we're so excited to be able to work with this amazing partnership of studios across Europe. We've been working on the project for two years and it has never felt more important to ensure that artists from refugee and migrant backgrounds have a safe and supported space to share and make their work and share stories and cultures".

Northern Ireland's **Urban Scale Interventions** has been funded for the first time, as part of a Large Project exploring creative ways to make use of the underused 15-35% of Europe's urban landscape: the roofscape. This is the first NI Cooperation Project to be funded since 2017.

Jak Spencer, Partner at Urban Scale Interventions said, "it's never been more important to have public spaces that can support healthy, social lives. Belfast has a rich and diverse urban landscape and this grant will help us to explore how our underutilised rooftops can be better used for social, cultural and climate activities whilst connecting us to other cultural cities across Europe".

The UK is not seeking to participate in the EU's Creative Europe programme from 2021, making the 2020 Cooperation Projects the final round of Creative Europe funding that UK organisations were fully eligible to participate in. However UK organisations will still be able to join these cross border Cooperation Projects as Third Country 'associate partners', alongside countries such as Canada and Japan, from next year.

More information can be found at: www.creativeeuropeuk.eu/news

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Creative Europe Desk UK

In each country that takes part in EU funding programme Creative Europe, there is an information and promotion office which supports potential and current stakeholders with their applications. The team members of Creative Europe Desk UK are based across the UK, in London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff. Creative Europe Desk UK is led by the British Council and the British Film Institute, in partnership with Arts Council England, Creative Scotland, Welsh Government, and with support from the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the European Commission.

<https://www.creativeeuropeuk.eu>

Creative Europe

[Creative Europe](#) is the European Union's programme to support the cultural, creative and audiovisual sectors. From 2014-2020, the EU is investing €1.46 billion in the creative industries through one unified programme, Creative Europe. Creative Europe supports European projects with the potential to travel and find audiences beyond their national borders. Launched in 2014, Creative Europe brings together a Culture sub-programme, which provides funding for the cultural and creative sectors to collaborate across borders, and a MEDIA sub-programme, which invests in cinema, television, new media and games. Match funding is required by participating organisations. Creative Europe is open to all EU Member States plus 11 non-EU countries.

Cooperation Projects

There are two types of [Cooperation Projects](#). Small Cooperation Projects involve a partnership of at least three organisations from different eligible countries and up to €200,000 can be applied for. Large projects bring together a partnership of at least six organisations from different eligible countries and up to €2 million can be applied for. The Cooperation Projects strand supports cross-border projects between cultural and creative organisations within the EU and beyond, which can cover one or more cultural and creative sectors and can be interdisciplinary. These projects must be shown to support capacity building, audience development or cross-border mobility, and achieve results that are more than the sum of the activities in the different countries.

Creative Europe and Brexit

The UK will not be seeking to participate in the next Creative Europe programme, due to start in January 2021. This will not affect projects funded under the current programme (2014 - 2020) which will receive funding for their full duration under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, including projects that continue after 1 January 2021. Creative Europe Desk UK will continue to support the UK sectors to access the opportunities that exist between now and the end of the current programme, with several additional calls expected in 2020. See the [Creative Europe Desk UK Brexit and UK Participation update](#) for full details.

FULL LIST OF UK ORGANISATIONS AWARDED COOPERATION PROJECT FUNDING 2020

LARGE COOPERATION PROJECTS – UK BENEFICIARIES 2020

Beneficiary Organisation	Project Name	Nation	Region	Partner Countries
Clear Village Trustee Limited	Human Cities - Creative works with small and remote places	England	London	IT, IS, FR, EE, AT, EL, PT, SI, PL
Craft Scotland Ltd	Craft Hub	Scotland	...	IE, EL, IT, UK, DK, DE, NO, PT
Freedom Festival Arts Trust	(Un)Common Spaces	England	North	FR, HU, CZ, ES, UK, DK, XK, AT, NO, BE, FR, NL, IT
Magna Vitae	People Power Partnership	England	North	DE, LT, PT, CZ, IT, LV, ES, DK, RO, HR
Norfolk & Norwich Festival	(Un)Common Spaces	England	South East	FR, HU, CZ, ES, DK, UK, XK, AT, NO, BE, FR, NL, IT
Sadler's Wells Trust Limited	Dance On, Pass On, Dream On	England	London	DE, EL, NL, SE, ES, FR,, RS, BE, SI
Snape Maltings	enoa: Empowering Opera - breaking boundaries for institutions and artists	England	South East	FR, DE, BE, RS, PT, BE, ES, UK, NL, PL, LU
The British Council	Performing Gender - Dancing In Your Shoes	England	London	IT, FR, SI, SE, ES, HU, NL, UK
University of Wales Trinity Saint David Royal Charter	Craft Hub	Wales	...	IE, EL, IT, UK, DK, DE, NO, PT
Urban Scale Interventions Ltd	European Creative Rooftop Network - R-EU-FTOP	Northern Ireland	...	PT, ES, SE, NL, BE, DE, NL, CY
Yorkshire Dance Centre Trust	Performing Gender - Dancing In Your Shoes	England	North	IT, FR, SI, SE, ES, HU, NL, UK

SMALL COOPERATION PROJECTS – UK BENEFICIARIES 2020

Beneficiary Organisation	Project	Nation	Region	Partner countries
Artreach (Events) Ltd	AAA Accessible Art for All	England	Midlands	IT, DE, BG, SE
Arts Services Grants Limited	Who Cares?	England	London	ES, LT, HR
Coventry University	Vibes - Connected Dance	England	Midlands	FR, IT FI, NL
Edinburgh Printmakers Ltd	In From The Margins	Scotland		IE, DK, NL, SI
Grizedale Arts	Confederacy of Villages	England	North	ES, AM IT, SE
International Arts Partnership*	The Transmission	England	South East	FR, BE, SE, HU, AL
Lakes Arts Festival	Comics - A new language for Europe	England	North	FR, BE, ES, DK
Librairie LaPage UK Ltd	L'Europe des Librairies Independantes	England	London	FR, HR, RO, IT, ES, DE
(Literature Across Frontiers) University of Wales Trinity Saint David Royal Charter	Arabic Literature in European Languages	Wales	...	FR, DE, BE, TN
Puppet Animation Scotland	EU Contemporary Puppetry Critical Platform	Scotland	...	SI, HR, LIT
Safe Regeneration Ltd*	Collective Moves: Libertalia lab and performance	England	North	FI, AT, SE, HU
University for the Creative Arts	Giving (Back) the Credit to the Heritage Communities	England	South East	RO, RS

*Lead Partners

Key for partner countries:

https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Glossary:Country_codes