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1st International EMCN Networking & Consortium Building Workshop Euro Med Sustainability & Culture Network (EMCN)

Call for Expression of Interest for Collaboration

Introduction – Background

The Euro Med Sustainability & Culture Network (EMCN) is a regional initiative launched by CulturePolis, Greece (www.culturepolis.org), and the Lebanese Development Network (LDN), Lebanon (www.ldn-lb.org) in response to the growing need of enhancing collaboration between organisations in European Union countries and third countries as defined by EU, with emphasis the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries. It aims to build a common ground for collaboration with all interested organisations and experts in the area involved in EU projects.

EMCN future members will be public and private organisations, associations and/or institutions as well as individuals (professionals, experts, trainers, consultants and coaches) who are active in society and will enjoy a full status. We work together to build knowledge through exchanges, coordination, and synergies to implement common activities and projects. Organisations in the broader EuroMed region are invited to become members of ECMN and benefit from its initiatives.

You can read more about EMCN, its structure and membership, and its activities on our website: www.emcn.eu (NB: to be published imminently).

EMCN Networking & Consortium Building Workshops

One of the major EMCN activities is the setting up of a series of targeted workshops entitled: “EMCN Networking & Consortium Building Workshops”, with the view to develop new ideas concerning the Euro Med region, enhance resourceful interaction and allow in return the formation of effective and solid partnerships for the various EU programmes and calls such as Erasmus+, CERV, Creative Europe, Horizon, Digital Europe, Interreg and many others, as well as other international and national funding mechanisms.

EMCN will set up international face-to-face workshops addressed to its members to discuss developments and elaborate on the formation of solid partnerships for submitting proposals for funding. All interested organisations can at any time express their interest to become EMCN members and participate in the specialised workshops.

1st International EMCN Networking & Consortium Building Workshop

Athens, Greece, 21-22 July 2023 (new venue)

The first workshop will be open to all interested organisations and will be an exploratory one allowing to present the dynamics of the EMCN initiative, but will be limited to proposals that are related to the coming **ERASMUS+ call**, to allow for enough time for building solid consortia and effective proposals (**deadline October 3rd 2023**) - see <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>.

Coming workshops will cover other EU programmes' calls for proposals/tenders.

The Call for Expression of Interest

In this context, EMCN invites organisations to submit their proposals for collaboration together with project ideas for discussion **until Sunday, July 2nd 2023**.

Who can apply

Proposals/ideas can be submitted by organisations (meeting the criteria of the Erasmus+ programme), public or private, profit or non-profit, legally established in one of the countries of the Euro Med region such as public authorities (national, regional and/or local); foundations; non-profit organisations; and associations; universities and other educational institutions; research centres; European, national, regional and local youth organisations and platforms.

Eligible countries

Organisations can be legally sited in the EU Member States and Third countries associated with the ERASMUS+ Programme, as well as **Western Balkans** (Region 1) Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro; **Neighbourhood East** (Region 2) Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law; **South-Mediterranean** Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

NB: Eligibility in specific EU programmes' calls should be checked by interested organisations

Focus of proposals/ideas to be submitted

The proposals/ideas should have a clear focus on collaboration with organisations in the EuroMed region and be related to one or more of the following fields of EMCN intervention, taking into account the priorities set up by the Erasmus+ programme call. More than one topic could be addressed by the proposals (**indicative list**).

<p>EMCN Sustainability-related topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Culture in UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) ● Sustainable management of heritage\ UNESCO sites ● Green & Blue Culture in Society and Economy ● Cultural Sustainability in the Mediterranean ● Digital Transformation and Human Rights ● Green transition and CCI 	<p>EMCN Culture-related topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arts (Music, theatre, dance etc.) ● Inter-Cultural Dialogue ● Heritage (tangible/intangible) ● Management of ● Cultural & Creative Sector ● Cultural Studies ● Education / Training ● Literature & Translation
<p>Other related fields</p>	

Proposals/Ideas Submission

Interested organisations should submit one or more comprehensive proposals they intend to lead and/or participate in as a partner. Proposals should be submitted **in English** using the [Project Fiche Template](#) in Word. Proposals submitted otherwise will not be considered.

There will be a limited number of participants in the 1st Workshop in Athens. Priority will be given to organisations having submitted proposals that they wish to lead or participate in as partners in their mature proposals

What to submit:

- Interested organisations are kindly asked to submit their **project proposal/idea by filling in** the [Project Fiche Template](#) and sending it to the following email address: secretariat@culturepolis.org, **by Sunday, July 2nd 2023** (deadline extended) with the mention **“EMCN 1st Workshop Proposal”**.
- Organisations and associated experts whose proposals will be retained for presentation in the 1st Workshop will receive an **Information Pack** about the venue, flights, accommodation, airports, etc., **by July 4th 2023**.

Registration to the 1st Workshop

Representatives of the different organisations will have to register by **July 7th 2023** by paying a **participation fee of One Hundred & Sixty Euros (160€)** for covering the two-day workshop expenses such as venue, coffee breaks, and lunches. Transportation and accommodation costs have to be settled by the participants themselves.

Payments can be made as follows with the **mention: EMCN 1st Workshop 2023:**

- Money transfer via **Western Union:** details to be announced in the Info Pack
- Bank transfer to EMCN secretariat's bank account:
EUROBANK S.A, SWIFT / BIC Code: ERBKGRAA, IBAN GR4802601160000590201030464

Time plan

Actions	Deadlines
a) Publication of the call for EoI	Tuesday, 6 June 2023
b) Submission of proposals/ideas for collaboration to be presented in the 1 st workshop	Sunday, 2 July 2023 (new date)
c) Notification of participation acceptance – sending Info Pack	Tuesday, 4 July 2023
d) Registration for the 1st Workshop – payment of participation fee	Friday, 7 July 2023
e) 1 st EMCN Networking & Consortium Building Workshop	Athens, Greece, 21-22 July 2023

Clarification questions

Interested organisations can submit their questions for clarification and any comments to the EMCN secretariat by email to: secretariat@culturepolis.org no later than June 20th 2023.

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