



ASSITEJ International Regional Cooperation Programme 2025 - 2028

December 2024

Call for proposals

ASSITEJ International is calling for proposals for Regional Cooperation Programmes in the field of performing arts for children and young people to take place between May 2025 and April 2028.

ASSITEJ International intends to support between 1 and 3 Regional Cooperation Programmes created by ASSITEJ National Centres.

Contact with ASSITEJ International before you apply is essential so that applicants can enter into planning with the best information and support.

There will be a specific Umbrella Session on this topic so that the Executive Committee working group can answer any questions from applicants. This session will be on 16 December 2024 in two different time zones. [Register for the sessions here.](#)

The deadline for applications is 28 February 2025.

What is an ASSITEJ Regional Cooperation Programme?

A Regional Cooperation Programme will involve at least three National Centres in a region and should consist of a series of activities designed to develop areas of strategic importance on national and regional levels. The activities could, for example, focus on capacity building of National Centres, or artistic development of artists, or enhancing access for children and young people to the performing arts, or the development of public policies – whatever the identified need is.

To ensure that the opportunities for support and impact are shared with equity around the world, priority is given to countries outside Europe.

It is important that the proposal expresses

1. Why the programme chooses to focus on certain areas and activities and
2. How the development of these can make a long-lasting positive impact.



It is important that the proposal considers how the Regional Cooperation Programme relates to other existing activities and contributors in the field, like festivals, national and regional cultural policies and funding schemes, and other major arts organisations and how they can complement these and/or collaborate with them.

ASSITEJ International Professional Networks should be included when these can be instrumental to the aims and activities of the project.

The programme will be managed in collaboration between the ASSITEJ National Centres applying and ASSITEJ International.

Duration

The Regional Cooperation Programme can have a duration of up to 3 years in the period between June 2025 and May 2028 (36 months). The Executive Committee encourages applicants to design projects with a duration of at least two years, allowing for a long-term collaboration within the region.

Who can apply?

A minimum of three ASSITEJ National Centres should collectively create the proposal and send it to the Secretary General of ASSITEJ. Priority is given to National Centres outside Europe.

Regional cooperation

The activities of the programme should directly benefit National Centres, arts professionals or audiences from a minimum of four countries.

Whenever possible, the programme should constitute a positive contribution to the Regional Networks of ASSITEJ and the National Centres involved in this network.

Budget & co-funding

The National Centres making the proposal can apply for up to 60.000 EUR for each Regional Cooperation Programme. The applicants should raise a minimum of 30% of the total budget.



The total budget is the sum of the support from ASSITEJ plus the 30% raised by the applicants.¹

The applicants can decide to apply for less than 60.000 depending on the activities of the programme and the amount they can raise for co-funding.

The funding raised by the applicant should be transferred to ASSITEJ International as a support grant.

The timeline for the transfer to ASSITEJ will be negotiated in the co-creation process depending on what is possible for the applicants. ASSITEJ International will work with the applicants on a case-by-case basis to create a financial framework for each project.

In exceptional circumstances and with just cause the co-funding percentage can be reduced or removed or exempted from being transferred to ASSITEJ International if this is requested by the applicants and accepted by the Executive Committee of ASSITEJ International.

ASSITEJ International can work with the applicants to seek, develop or foster funding partnerships to increase support for the project.

Administration

The budget can be administered by one or more of the applying ASSITEJ National Centres on behalf of all the applicants, or it can be administered by all applicants. Some costs of the project may also be paid directly by ASSITEJ International.

Detailed and clear bookkeeping and financial reporting is necessary. If the application is selected by the Executive Committee, the details of the project reporting will be defined in the Grant Agreement and will reflect the necessary reporting requirements of Creative Europe.

¹ **Budget example 1:** 60.000 (ASSITEJ grant) + 25.714 (contribution from applicants) = total budget of 85.714.

Budget example 2: 20.000 (ASSITEJ grant) + 8.571 (contribution from applicants) = total budget of 28.571.

Note: these are just examples. Application budgets can be based on any amount up to 60.000 EUR in ASSITEJ contribution.



The proposal

The proposal should contain the following:

- Description of the aims of the programme.
- Explanation of why the programme chooses to focus on certain aims and activities and how the development of these can make a long-lasting positive impact.
- Detailed description of the activities and how they will achieve the aims.
- How the proposal may involve the Regional Networks of ASSITEJ and ASSITEJ International Professional Networks (not obligatory).
- How the activities will consider inclusion, access needs and ecological sustainability.
- How the global community of ASSITEJ International can be engaged in the activities or the learnings of the programme.
- Draft of the overall time frame.
- Description of the applicants and other involved partners.
- A budget. To be included is an annex that describes how the applicants intend to administer the budget and provide the required co-funding.

The applicants are free to choose the order of these chapters.

The proposal should be sent to the Secretary General no later than 28 February 2025.

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All applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out to the Executive Committee to discuss the proposal prior to the deadline.

Selection

The Executive Committee of ASSITEJ International will select among the proposals based on the quality of the application and the strategic priorities of ASSITEJ International. The Executive Committee will select between 1 and 3 programmes.

Co-creation

After the proposal has been accepted by the Executive Committee, the ASSITEJ National Centres involved, and the Executive Committee of ASSITEJ International, will further develop and co-create the project, ensuring that the



competencies and visions of ASSITEJ International contribute in the best way for the project.

The National Centres and the Executive Committee will sign a grant agreement, including a final budget and project plan before the start of the project.

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