



## CULTURAL POLICY ACTION PROJECTS

### Call for Cooperation with the *Policies for Culture* Programme of the European Cultural Foundation and the ECUMEST Association

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*Policies for Culture* (jointly managed by the *European Cultural Foundation*, Amsterdam and the *ECUMEST Association*, Bucharest) requests proposals for innovative **cultural policy** projects in **Albania, Bosnia–Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro or Serbia**.

*Policies for Culture* supports the independent cultural sector (artists, cultural managers, producers, researchers, cultural organisations and other cultural professionals) and policy makers (ministries, cultural authorities and administrations, parliamentarians, local governments, city councils, municipalities, etc.) in the development of new policies and innovative strategies for culture **together**. *Policies for Culture* seeks active cooperation with pilot projects promoting a “**participative policy-making**” approach by establishing a real working dialogue between cultural operators and the policy makers in their countries, regions, cities and municipalities.

Successful *Policies for Culture* action projects shall:

- raise awareness and understanding of the cultural sector’s role in developing cultural policies and strategies;
- encourage and support the cultural sector to become involved in developing cultural policies and strategies;
- (re-)define current mechanisms of cultural policy-making by developing cooperation with policy makers;
- establish real working platforms and sustainable dialogue between the cultural sector and policy makers;
- embed in practice the concrete outcomes of this dialogue by setting up new structures (information agencies, advisory bodies, cultural councils, lobbying forums, etc.) and strengthening the existing infrastructure;
- develop lobbying and advocacy initiatives of the cultural sector towards policy making institutions (parliament, ministry, public authorities on central and local level);
- contribute to developing and disseminating practical expertise and theoretical knowledge in the field of cultural policy development in their local, national and regional environment;

Selected projects will be offered financial support and **active cooperation** with the *Policies for Culture* programme. Within a close project partnership *Policies for Culture* will provide its knowledge and expertise available through the programme’s network and its practical experience in South East Europe. This partnership will significantly increase impact and visibility of the supported initiatives on local, national and regional level. Successful examples of action projects can be consulted on the programme web page. *Policies for Culture* highly encourages applicants to

seek advice from past and current initiatives in the region and additional background documents provided at [www.policiesforculture.org](http://www.policiesforculture.org). Furthermore, applicants must become familiar with the programme philosophy and project guidelines available at [www.policiesforculture.org](http://www.policiesforculture.org).

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### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be non-profit making and non-governmental organisations located in **Albania, Bosnia–Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro or Serbia**. *Policies for Culture* projects must be structured around the central issues of the programme namely **participative policy-making**, establishing a working dialogue, setting up new structures for the policy-making process, lobbying, developing and disseminating expertise and knowledge, etc. Applications have to address these issues in the framework of innovative and exploratory pilot initiatives. Projects must be implemented **between June and December 2003** and should preferably be developed in structural and financial **cooperation and partnership with other organisations and policy-making institutions** (parliament, ministries, local government, local authorities and administrations, etc.)! Financial support requested from *Policies for Culture* should not exceed a total amount of EUR 7500.--

### Application

Project proposals must be submitted **in the English language** by using the standard application form available at [www.policiesforculture.org](http://www.policiesforculture.org). All applications have to be sent per email directly to the programme management in Amsterdam (email: [pdietachmair@eurocult.org](mailto:pdietachmair@eurocult.org)) no later than **April 7, 2003!** Further guidelines and details should be consulted at [www.policiesforculture.org](http://www.policiesforculture.org). Selection of the projects will be realised on a competitive basis among all applications received from the eligible countries. Successful applicants will be invited to take part in a *Policies for Culture* training and information event in Bucharest, Romania between May 8 and 10, 2003. Eventual questions regarding application procedures and the *Policies for Culture* framework can be addressed to the programme management in Amsterdam or our programme antennae in the region (see below!):

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