

CALL FOR APPLICATION: TANDEM–CULTURAL MANAGERS EXCHANGE

Turkey–European Union

2013–2014

TANDEM–Cultural Managers Exchange Turkey–European Union aims at establishing long-term partnerships between cultural organisations from Turkey and the EU countries. Following the steps of the first TANDEM Turkey-EU round, conducted in 2011-2012, it is targeted on engaging participants in an intense international collaboration process, which includes realisation of a shared interdisciplinary project, linked to their cultural expertise.

TANDEM is an initiative of the European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam), MitOst (Berlin), Anadolu Kültür (Istanbul), and supported by Stiftung Mercator (Essen)

How does it work?

For one year, 15 cultural managers/project coordinators from Turkey and 15 from different EU countries form 15 trans-national collaboration Tandems. All participants spend a placement at their partner's organisation. Next to experiencing a new cultural environment, this working visit includes the planning and implementation of a shared cultural project or co-production. In addition to these exchange visits, the entire group meets several times to share their experience and knowledge of international collaboration and cross-cultural management. Throughout the process, participants receive know-how support from the programme organisers as well as project funding for their co-production/joint project.

Why are we doing it?

We believe in the importance of cultural collaboration to create lasting connections between different groups and communities. Working with new organisations and in new localities provides inspiring learning experiences. The TANDEM scheme feeds into a variety of objectives – from facilitating creative innovation to nurturing local cultural change-makers. Our vision is to see creative networks emerge from this programme. We are confident that TANDEM networks will continue beyond the year-long collaboration and thus contribute to the social and cultural well-being in their region.

Who is it for?

TANDEM is designed to strengthen participants' skills in the field of cross-cultural collaboration and organisational management. The programme addresses cultural managers and project coordinators of independent cultural NGOs at the beginning of their career, but also experienced cultural professionals. Cultural managers/project coordinators of public institutions that have an interest in working across cultural

borders are also welcome to apply. In general, applicants should be well connected to their local communities. Applicants should have a good command of English.

What do we offer?

- > Work placements at the partner organisations (in Turkey and the EU)
- > Shared learning sessions moderated by experienced trainers
- > Small grants of up to EUR 5,500 for creative projects
- > Reimbursement for travel and living expenses relating to participants' visits

The activities within the programme:

- Partner Forum in Turkey (May 2013)
- Kick-off Meeting in Germany (September 2013)
- Mutual 12-day working visits (placements) of the Tandem partners in Turkey and EU countries (between September 2013 and August 2014)
- Interim Meeting & Training in Europe (April 2014)
- Final Meeting in Turkey/Europe (September 2014)

How to apply?

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS 24 MARCH 2013!

Applicants from EU countries, please visit
<http://www.mitost.org/kulturaustausch/tandem-turkey-eu.html> for the application form.

For your questions please contact:
MitOst – Yıldız Gümüş tandem@mitost.org

Applicants from Turkey, please visit www.anadolukultur.org for the application form.

For your questions please contact:
Anadolu Kültür – Serra Özhan Yüksel tandem@anadolukultur.org

The first TANDEM Turkey-EU round was realised in 2011-2012 with the participation of 33 cultural managers from 11 cities in Turkey and 12 cities in the EU. For further information on the previous TANDEM round as well as on conditions of participation and application forms, please visit the following websites:

www.culturalfoundation.eu
www.mitost.org
www.anadolukultur.org