

European Cultural Foundation opens Ukraine edition of Culture of Solidarity Fund

The European Cultural Foundation has launched the Culture of Solidarity Fund as a public-philanthropic partnership to support cultural initiatives that, in the midst of a turmoil and crisis, reinforce European solidarity and the idea of Europe as a shared public space. After five successful European, regional and thematic editions we open today the European Culture of Solidarity Ukraine edition.

Putin has brought back war to Europe. This war on Ukraine is a war on Europe. As Europeans we stand resolutely in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and all those, including in Russia, who resist Putin's attempt to rewrite European borders and European history.

For more than six decades, the European Cultural Foundation has advocated for and invested in a European sentiment, a feeling of mutual comprehension and solidarity between the peoples of Europe. Today, the war in Ukraine asks for a new urgency to this mission. We call on our public, private

and philanthropic partners to join us in supporting those who fight anti-European values.

The Culture of Solidarity Fund has already responded to some of the most urgent humanitarian needs of the arts and culture community in Ukraine, including the [evacuation of archives and collections of cultural NGOs](#). We collaborate with other foundations to join forces and share resources, action and ideas. There is no more urgent time and place to invest in the European sentiment and show European solidarity with Ukraine.

The special Ukraine edition of the European Culture of Solidarity Fund is now open for considering cultural emergency requests and joint European actions to stand with Ukraine. This edition of the Fund will specifically support European cultural initiatives in the following areas:

- ***independent, alternative and inclusive information sharing in (digital) media*** that counters propaganda filter bubbles, fake news and the ongoing war ‘infodemic’
- ***safe cultural spaces*** that provide shelter in Ukraine or host artists, cultural workers and civil society activists forced into exile
- ***artistic and cultural expressions*** that withstand the harsh realities of conflict and support shared imagination of a peaceful future for Ukraine and Europe

We invite all parties concerned for contributions and donations to the European Culture of Solidarity Fund.

Please send your requests for support to cos@culturalfoundation.eu. We will be processing incoming proposals on a rolling basis.

<https://culturalfoundation.eu/>

André Wilkens, Director European Cultural Foundation:

“This is a European Moment. All around Europe we see individuals, civil society, governments and corporations reaching out to Ukraine, practising big and small and often imaginative gestures of everyday solidarity, uniting all of us in Europe, across social networks, cities and countries. Also, artists and cultural workers are deploying extraordinary efforts and acts of solidarity to help those most in need. This is a moment when people understand how important it is to have European friends who support each other, a moment of sharing shelter, vital information, expertise and supplies, a moment when you realise how an existential threat can be survived and managed much better through cooperation and solidarity.”

The Culture of Solidarity Fund is set up by the European Cultural Foundation as a partnership instrument open for contributions by philanthropic, public and private donors. The Fund is part of the Cultural Deal for Europe and a contribution for a Cultural Deal for Ukraine.