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## Open Call Physical Hub

MasterPeace and Stichting art.1, along with their Albanian partners Open Mind Spectrum Albania (OMSA) and ACT for SOCIETY Center, conjointly announce the **open call for the establishment of a CREATIVE HUB in Tirana**, as part of the *Artivist Stafetë* project, funded by the European Union **IPA/2020/421-822**.

The project is a creative and innovative alliance that empowers Albanian civil society organisations and young people in their path to change and create social awareness on human rights, diversity and gender equality through the arts. Artivist Stafetë aims to make a significant contribution to the understanding of youth of human rights and democratic EU principles, within Albania's EU membership accession.

The application package including the "Guidelines for Applicants" and related information on the requirements and the application procedure is available in the following links:

[www.masterpeace.org](http://www.masterpeace.org) : [www.actforsociety.org](http://www.actforsociety.org) , [www.stichtingart1.nl](http://www.stichtingart1.nl) and <http://omsalbania.org/>

The call will remain open until **May 5th, 2021**

Through the sub-grant scheme, the project will finance large-medium-sized projects, according to relevant thematic fields.

MasterPeace aims to award **one project**, which must fall between the following minimum and maximum amounts:

Minimum: **57.000 EUR**

Maximum: **73.000 EUR**

**The deadline for submission of project proposals is May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Applications must be submitted in English.

### □ About the space

Starting May 2021 and running through to June 2023, the Creative Hub space will be the core of the Artivist Stafetë project, hosting creative production and showcasing activities for a wide array of local and international audiences. Within the space, local facilitators will work with target audiences on their most urgent democratic and human rights concerns, channeling their outputs through a nation-wide network of CSOs and grassroots active citizenship organisations.

Additionally, and throughout its duration, the space will host a series of cultural offerings, specifically linked to human rights & active-citizenship initiatives: exhibitions; film screenings; democratic participation workshops; talks and debates; awareness raising events; activists hackathons, etc. These activities will be organized by local facilitators in collaboration with the Albanian civil society sector at large.



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#### □ Applicant's main tasks and responsibilities

Successful applicants will be in charge of finding and leasing a suitable space, as well as implementing the interior layout and design. Throughout the project's 2-year duration, the Creative Hub grantees will also be in charge of administrating the space during its opening hours in close coordination with OMSA and ACT for SOCIETY Center. The administration tasks include hiring two local part-time coordinator-hosts. This includes special attention to key events and activities which will be held in the space. As this space will work in close coordination with civil society organizations throughout Albania, successful applicants must ensure and facilitate adequate internet connectivity throughout its opening hours. Lastly and in light of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic, the space must adhere to health and safety regulations which ensure the wellbeing of staff and users throughout its existence.

For further details see the Artivist Stafetë Creative Hub guidelines, [here](#)

#### □ Who can apply?

All civil society organisations, organisations in the creative scene and grassroots initiatives in Albania are welcome to apply. Organisations with experience in activism causes and minority advocacy, organisations with experience in running cultural spaces and hosting cultural events are strongly encouraged to apply. All applicants must comply with the project's code of conduct (see [here](#) for more details).

## 2. About us

**Open Mind Spectrum Albania (OMSA)** is an Albanian non-governmental organization established in 2013 with the main focus of its work being community work and advocacy for the LGBTIQ+ communities of Albania. It aspires to co-create an inclusive society for all Albanians, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, social status and health status.

**ACT for SOCIETY Center** is an Albanian non-governmental organization established in 2012. The mission is to enhance healthy lifestyles and stimulate the sustainable development of society. Its work consists of promoting culture, advocating for democracy and human rights issues, connecting youth, stimulating active participation in social life as well as in decision-making processes.





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With an established presence in over 40 countries around the world, Dutch organization **MasterPeace** works with three core activities, all of which aim towards a sustainable future with less conflict: 1) Mobilize, inspire and connect young local talents via music, art and play; 2) Organize dialogue and bring all local stakeholders together; 3) Create perspective through leadership trainings, capacity-building programs and

starting up social enterprises..

Based in Amsterdam, **Stichting art. 1** is dedicated to the visibilization and inclusion of minorities through the arts. By providing trainings in non-formal methodologies, the organisation seeks to provide tools and channels for sidelined voices to join mainstream narratives and democratic participation.

### 3. How and when to apply?

To apply, you can fill in the application form which can be found **here** and send it by email to [artiststafetegrants@masterpeace.org](mailto:artiststafetegrants@masterpeace.org)

On the **16th of Apr 2021** the project partners (Master Peace, Stichting Ar, Act for Society and OMSA) will organize a 1-day info session in Tirana for potential grant applicants to inform them about the Call and to provide guidance on developing successful grant proposals. Prior announcement will be made in the following days for the venue, agenda etc.



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