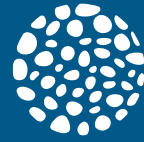




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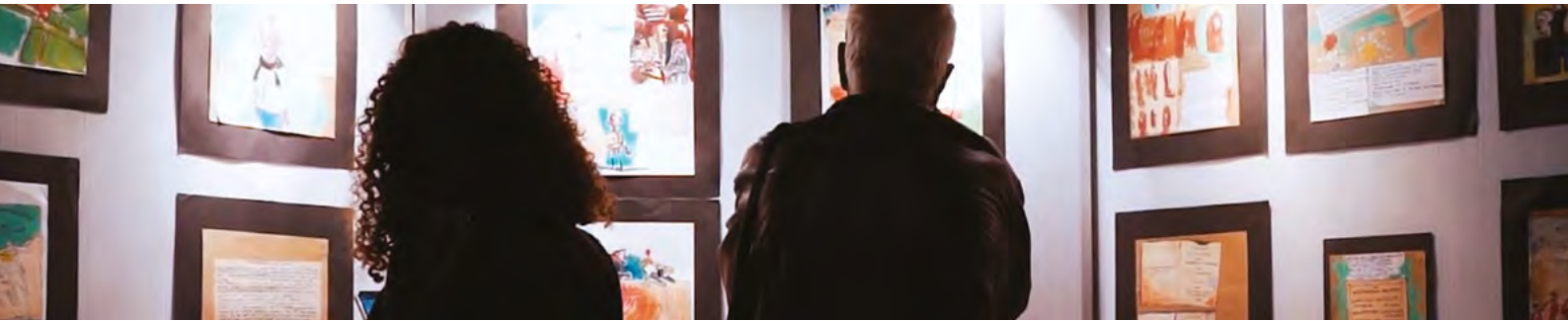


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Mediterranean Capitals of Culture & Dialogue

A yearlong celebration
of Euro-Mediterranean identity
and cooperation





Overview

The Euro-Mediterranean region boasts a rich and diverse heritage, shaped by centuries of cultural exchange and interaction. A melting pot of different languages, traditions and customs, the region shares a heritage and a deep sense of identity and belonging. Today, this cultural legacy continues to inspire and inform our shared values and aspirations, reminding us of the importance of building bridges and fostering understanding between different cultures and communities.

In that spirit, the 43 Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean launched the “Mediterranean Capitals of Culture & Dialogue” (MCCD) initiative during their **7th Regional Forum** in November 2022.

Learn more about the initiative’s background and objectives:



Based on the call of Ministers of Culture of the Euro-Mediterranean region on 17 June 2022 in Naples, as well as the recommendation of more than 200 young representatives from the civil society of over 20 countries at the Forum des Mondes Méditerranéens on 7 February 2022 in Marseille, this initiative was shaped to further promote the diversity and shared identity of the Euro-Mediterranean region and contribute to a better mutual understanding of its peoples.

How is the Mediterranean Capitals of Culture & Dialogue initiative shaped?

2 cities: 1 North; 1 South → 1 year

A shared goal: highlighting their Euro-Mediterranean identities

Through a rich and varied programme that involves the population in all its diversity

Each programme will culminate on the Day of the Mediterranean (28 November)

The initiative core objectives

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN IDENTITY

Encouraging intercultural dialogue and greater mutual understanding across the Euro-Mediterranean region: the initiative will aim to combine local objectives and realities with solid regional visions.

TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

Promoting innovative partnerships at the local level to enhance regional integration: collaboration will be open to all eligible cities, irrespective of previous cooperation and territorial collocation, to promote fruitful interactions of territories with limited integration.

BOTTOM-UP APPROACH

Strengthening the role of civil society, and particularly young people, in shaping Euro-Mediterranean cooperation: every step of the initiative is designed and implemented in close cooperation with networks of youth and civil society actors.



Who can apply?

- Local or regional authorities, regardless of their size.
- Located in a country of the Union for the Mediterranean, regardless of whether the city is on the coast or inland.
- Cities never designated Mediterranean Capital of Culture & Dialogue before.

Awarding criteria

Consult the UfM website for more information on the application process, the awarding criteria and evaluation grid:



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MEDITERRANEAN
DIMENSION

PROGRAMME

CIVIL SOCIETY
ENGAGEMENT

GOVERNANCE AND
MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL
CAPACITY

COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE 2
CAPITALS

COMMUNICATION

ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT



Timeline

**Launch of the call
for applications 2025**

Opening of the call

25 April 2023

Deadline for applications

Deadline for applications

23 July 2023

**Evaluation of the
applications**

Assessment by Advisory
Committee

15 August 2023

Consultation of the
recommendations with
the UfM Co-Presidency

**From 15 August to
15 September 2023**

Submission to the UfM
Senior Officials and
deliberations

**From 15 September to
30 October**

Selection of the two
cities

November 2023

Announcement

Announcement of the
two first Mediterranean
Capitals of Culture &
Dialogue 2025

**28 November
2023: Day of the
Mediterranean / 8th
UfM Regional Forum**

**Preparation of the
Mediterranean Capitals of
Culture & Dialogue 2025**

Meetings with the two
selected cities

**December 2023/
January 2024**

May/June 2024

**October/November
2024**

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