

“In times of crisis we are all in it together”, is the message clearly expressed by festivals, public and private cultural organizations, artist groups, etc.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented situation for the entire planet, directly affecting everyone’s lives, every aspect of day-to-day activity and the world economy. The fields of education and culture have been hit hard, with tens of thousands of cultural events and programs being canceled, thousands of employees and artists left unemployed and cultural organizations in danger.

At the same time, in the midst of the quarantine and the circulation ban, a number of initiatives are being born in many European cities, bringing art to the forefront and attempting to alleviate anxiety, isolation and fear, while stimulating creativity.

Below are some of the initiatives I am aware of that are supporting the artistic community.

Initiatives of European Networks & Organizations



“Remaining together in times of crisis”

Culture Action Europe

Culture Action Europe, the major European cultural network that gathers together the most important cultural institutions, artists, academics, etc.—and of which Eleusis 2021 is a member—is calling on governments and European institutions, via an open letter, to take the necessary measures to support the artistic and cultural sector during this global state of emergency. As highlighted:

“Difficult times like these, often test our feeling of solidarity and collectivity. In order to rediscover our common European dimension, we must ask ourselves: What kind of Europe do we want to live in, after the end of the crisis?”

Read the entire open letter [here](#)

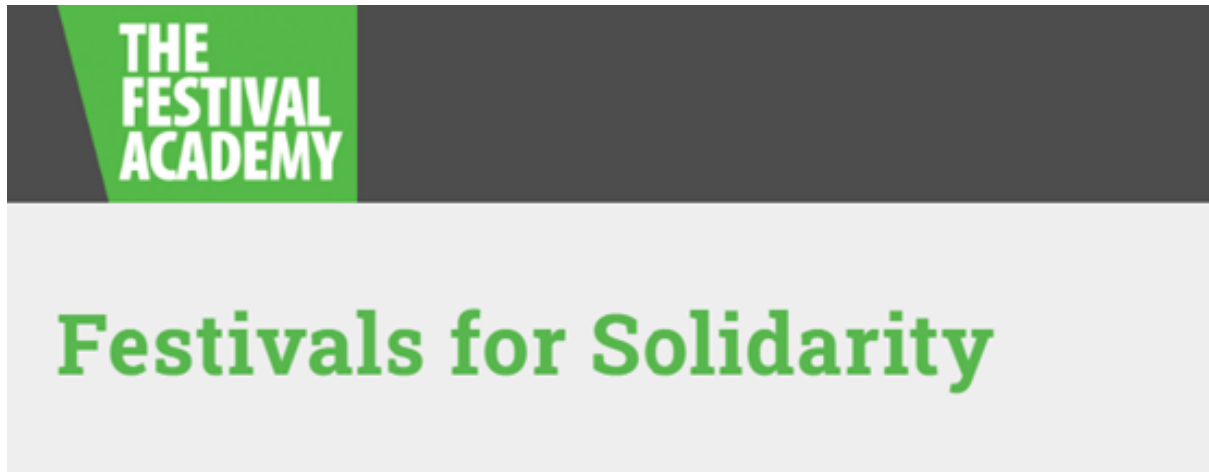


“Corona Virus – Funding sources: Arts, Culture and Mobility”

On the Move & CIRCOSTRADA

The *On the Move* and *Circostrada* networks have created an extensive list of information on the state of the artistic and cultural sector, as well as of cultural mobility, in the context of the current crisis. The list is constantly updated and is global.

See all the information in detail [here](#)



“Festivals for Solidarity”

The Festival Academy

The alumni of the Festival Academy and the professionals who are active in the field of festivals are developing, as a response to the crisis, proposals of solidarity, which also serve as strategies for dealing with an extremely urgent situation, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

See all the initiatives [here](#)



"From Barcelona to Buenos Aires and Hong Kong: The cultural mobilization of cities and local governments in the COVID-19 crisis"

UCLG

The global organization United Cities & Local Governements (UCLG) has gathered together the actions of cities and local governments, international cultural initiatives, as well as articles and thoughts on the future by renowned professionals from across the globe, on a single page, in response to the COVID-19 crisis. At the same time, the goal of this action is the protection of cultural rights for all.

The page is part of the "Live Learning Experience #BeyondTheOutbreak" initiative that was developed by UCLG.

Visit the page [here](#)



International network for contemporary performing arts

“Performing arts in times of the pandemic: status quo and the way forward”

International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts IETM - Publications

The performing arts sector has been deeply impacted by the current COVID-19 crisis. At the dawn of lockdown measures taken by governments across the globe, IETM circulated a survey among members of the network, to get a grip on how the new reality has affected them so far. Based on the key findings of the survey, this report outlines the situation on an international scale, identifies the most burning needs of the sector in times of the pandemic and presents an overview of governments’ responses to the COVID-19 crisis. The report concludes with policy recommendations intended for EU, national and local authorities.

Read the survey [here](#)



Open Calls



"Culture of Solidarity Fund"

European Cultural Foundation

The European Cultural Foundation, a partner organization of Eleusis 2021, is extending an open invitation to the Culture of Solidarity Fund.

This program supports imaginative cultural initiatives that, in the midst of the global pandemic crisis, reinforce European solidarity and the idea of Europe as a shared public space.

More [here](#)



#CreativeEuropeAtHome | Share your art from home

Open invitation for a residency from home

Creative Europe

The European Commission is launching the **#CreativeEuropeAtHome** campaign, asking the beneficiaries of the Creative Europe program to offer their cultural activities online, to the general public at home.

Read the entire announcement in Greek [here](#).



Online Mobility Grant program

Citizens for Europe

The Citizens For Europe program is expanding its activities and offers the Online Mobility Grant program, providing an opportunity for the exchange of knowledge and experiences with colleagues, as well as the participation in events.

You may find more information on the terms of participation [here](#)