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European cooperation projects - Category 2: Larger scale cooperation projects

Name of the Organization *

My Step Charitable Foundation

Short Description of the Organization *

My Step Foundation was founded in 2018 by the initiative of Ms. Anna Hakobyan, the spouse of Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan. It is guided by the principle of promoting a healthy, educated and inclusive society where everyone has equal opportunities to discover and unleash their full potential. We implement programs in the spheres of education, culture, public health, social protection, and environment. Our main cultural programs are the following: development of classical music industry, development of regional cultural houses and cultural tourism. You can get more info at www.mystep.foundation

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Project Name and Description *

Revitalizing regions of Armenia through cultural exchange and capacity building of local cultural entities. The main objective of the project is to contribute to comprehensive community development in Armenian regional towns and villages by transforming current outdated cultural institutions into active community centers. This will be done by working on two directions: providing training and exchange opportunities to staff at cultural centers and by conducting some reconstruction work and providing equipment. We are looking for international partners for the first component of the program- capacity building part-training and exchange with European specialists, community art educators who have similar experience. The human resource development will include trainings, study visits, exchange of artists and art managers, mentorship, and networking opportunities within Armenia and with European partners.

One of our main project sites/partners is an art space in Tumanyan, Lori region, a 910m2 former factory building with 7m high ceilings. The plan is to transform a huge soviet factory space into an interactive, hands-on learning environment and creative space for local and international artists. It will become a hub for international artists to work from and engage with other rural communities in Armenia. We expect to reach the following results by the project: increase accessibility of culture and art in the

regions, create more opportunities for youth, contribute to local tourism and creative economy and decrease emigration from rural areas and towns outside of the capital city.

Field of the Project *
Theater
Music
Dance
Literature / Publishing
Museum / Gallery
Architecture
Painting / Comics Art / Photography
Fashion / Design
Sculpture / Crafts
Festival
Art Education
Art Management
Creative Industries Development
Other:
Targeted Priority(ies)
Transnational Mobility
Audience Development
Capacity Building (Digitization, New Business Models, Education and Training)
Intercultural Dialogue (Social integration of migrants and refugees)
Legacy of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (Common Cultural History and Values)

Partner Search Organizations' Countries *

Slovenia, Poland, Portugal, Croatia, Estonia

Partner Search Organizations' Profiles

Organizations that work in rural communities and use art and cultural in order to develop their communities, find employment/opportunities for youth, provide space for artists.

Other Comments

We very much look forward to cooperating with European partner organizations. Through this partnership we hope to learn and practice increasing community engagement through community art projects, creating more opportunities for young people, attracting them to cultural entities using new technologies, creative ideas, sense of belonging etc. We also want to learn more and share experiences about generating income by cultural institutions using their premises and developing creative industries. Another subject that we are very interested to share ideas about- is the use of old factory spaces for artistic purposes which is still new phenomenon in Armenia and the experience sharing is very much needed.

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