# Information Meeting ECOC 2030 BE

1/12/2023

# Welcome

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#### **ECOC**2030**BE**



# European Capital of Culture Info session - Belgium

1st December 2023

**Sylvain Pasqua Senior Expert DG EAC D.2** 





#### Some initial reading...



- Decision No 445/2014/EU of the EP and the Council: new rules and criteria applied for the first time in Belgium
- The call for applications and the rules of procedure published in your country
- The guide to cities preparing a bid + guide for evaluation and compendium of recommendations from ex post evaluations
- Internet: applications from former candidate cities / future ECOCs



# What is a European Capital of Culture?



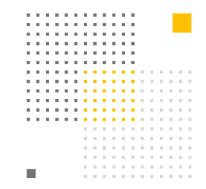






#### An ambitious event

- Not always a capital city
- A large scale cultural event of one year
- ... developed for the title and with a strong European dimension
- Not about what a city looks like or its past/heritage, but what
  it envisages to be and to do (programme) during the year
  and after (legacy)
- A title awarded to one city in 2 Member States in 2030 and a third one in a non-EU Member State





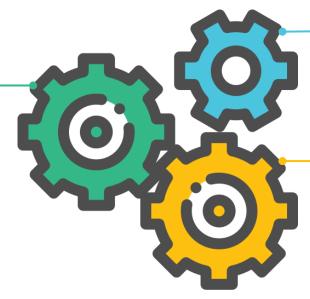
#### An event pursuing multiple objectives

- General objectives at EU level:
  - Promoting cultural diversity and common features of cultures
    - "Sense of belonging to a common cultural area"
  - Fostering contribution of culture to long-term development of your city
- Cities can have their own local objectives responding to their local/regional needs and priorities



#### A demanding and complex event (1)

One of the most visible and successful European cultural events: An honour and a responsibility



A multi-faceted event with (sometimes) conflicting agendas

Time is needed for a careful preparation and planning:

- To embed the event in a cultural longer-term strategy
- To significantly engage with the citizens, the cultural and creative sectors and other key stakeholders



#### A demanding and complex event (2)

 To make the necessary European links and develop relations with peer cities and partners



To ensure the right infrastructure is in place



Learn from previous experience







# How to become a European Capital of Culture?









#### The selection procedure

- A real competition for all cities from your country
- only one city can win but it's up to you to make the most of the bidding experience...
- A competition organized by your national authorities
- A competition launched with the publication of a call for applications
- The call includes formal, exclusion and selection criteria as well as the questionnaires cities have to answer









#### How is the competition organized?

- A two-step competition :
  - Pre-selection phase with hearing
  - Selection phase with visits of short-listed cities and final hearing
- Candidatures (applications + hearings) assessed by a panel of up to twelve independent experts with no conflict of interest...
  - ... on the basis of 6 categories of set criteria
- No need for lobby to affect outcome!
  - Costs money and is pointless



#### How to prepare your application?







#### Formal and exclusion criteria

Be a city in Belgium

Need to send a written application answering all the questions of the call by the deadline set in the call



- 60 pages in A4 format for pre-selection
- 100 pages in A4 format for final selection
- All illustrations, graphs etc. included in the size limit

In English (or if you wish so, another official language of the EU)



#### Six categories of award criteria







**ECOC**: high standards reflected in demanding criteria

See the criteria as a tool to prepare your bid and – if elected – to plan the title-year

Six categories with equal weighting – All are important to ensure a successful ECOC

Advice: Be concise and sharp in your answers, but also creative!



#### Six categories of award criteria (2)

- I. Contribution to the long-term strategy
- II. European dimension
- III. Cultural and artistic content
- IV. Capacity to deliver
- V. Outreach
- VI. Management





# What is the outcome of the competition?





## Title and Melina Melicouri Prize

At the end of the final selection meeting the Panel will:

- Recommend one city for the ECOC title in Belgium
  - Endorsement by your national authorities ( = formal designation)
  - Publication in the OJ of the European Union
  - No need for a positive recommendation
- Recommend to the European Commission whether or not to award the Melina Mercouri Prize
  - Actual payment is **conditional** and will come **later**

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#### Thank you for your attention!

## Sylvain Pasqua

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https://culture.ec.europa.eu/policies/culture-in-cities-and-regions/european-capitals-of-culture

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# Belgian ECOC in 2030

# Timing Belgian ECOC competiton

- October 2023: Launch of the competition
- October 2024: Pre-selection
- July or September 2025: Final selection
- Late 2025: Official title
- 2030: Title year

# **Belgian ECOC competition**

- Languages: English and Flemish, French or German
- Preselection: 30 minutes presentation, 60 minutes Q&A
- Final selection: 45 minutes presentation, 75 minutes Q&A
- Delegation of max. 10 people
- Two national experts

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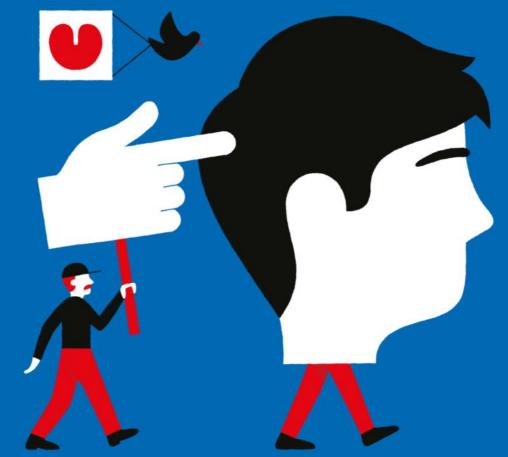
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#### **ECOC**2030**BE**



Leeuwarden Fryslân 2018

European Capital of Culture



# Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018

(& the legacy: Arcadia 2028)

Re-inventing our city & region: a story & lessons learned

Jurjen van der Weg, City of Leeuwarden

























### The ECoC-story of Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018



- Leeuwarden, Fryslân and our journey to LF2018
- Culture as a katalyst for change
- Our offer to Europe: "lepen Mienskip"?!
- Our way of working
- The results
- Far away for you, but essential: creating legacy

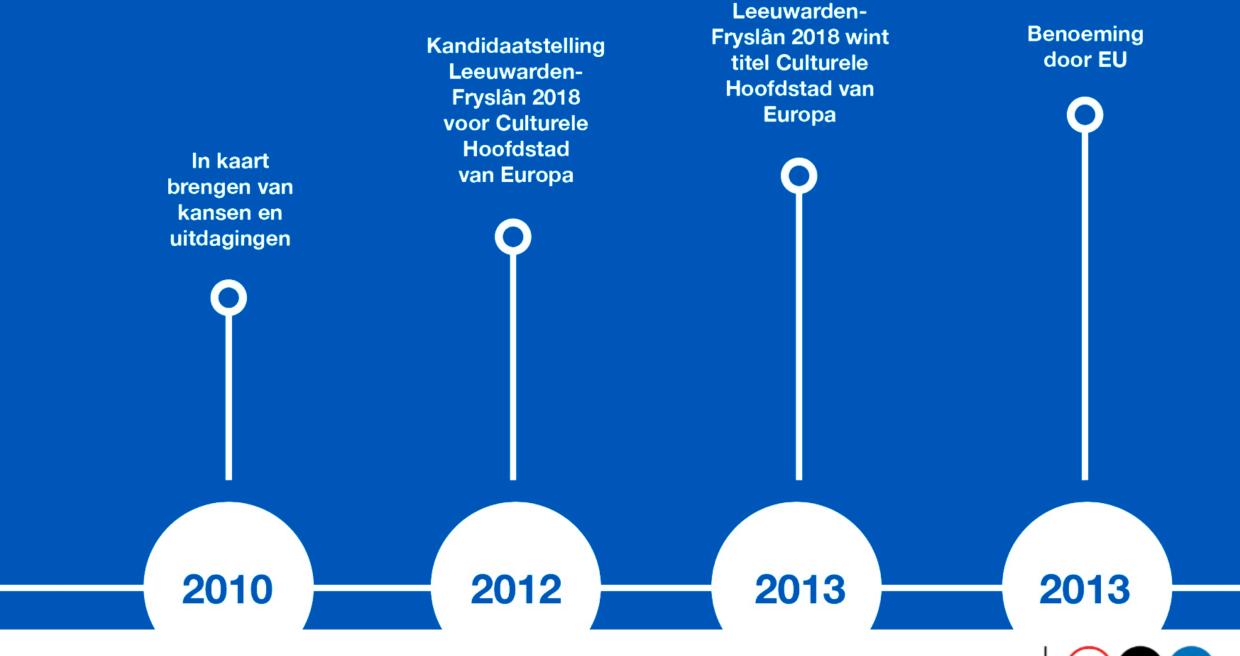
And along the way: some tips and tricks



## Leeuwarden & Fryslân in a nutshell



- Leeuwarden: 127.000 inhabitants (1-1-2023) and growing; 1 city and 35 villages
- Fryslân: 650.000
- In the periphery of the Netherlands and Europe
- Low on headquarters
- Watertechnology, foodprocessing and tourism as strongholds in the economy
- People on welfare in Leeuwarden:
   10 %; a lot of poverty
- Happy & healthy: highest scores in the Netherlands (the "Friesian paradox")



### The Bid Book

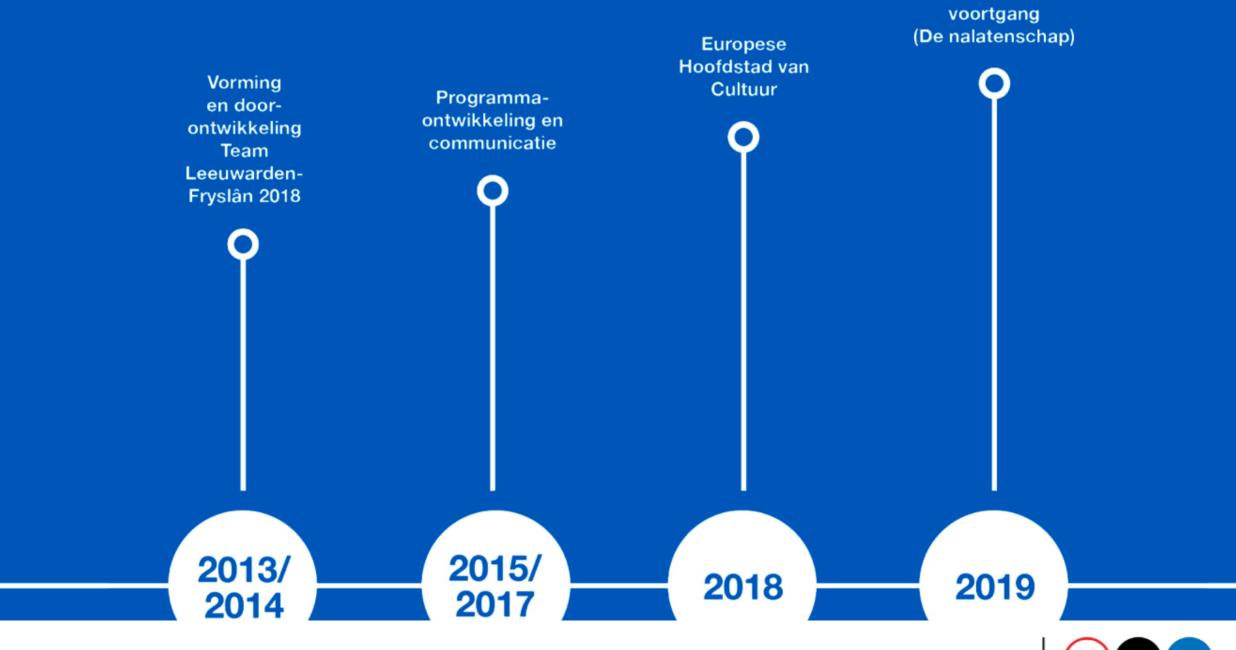
A Story – our offer to Europe
Our goals
Our program
Our organisation and the money



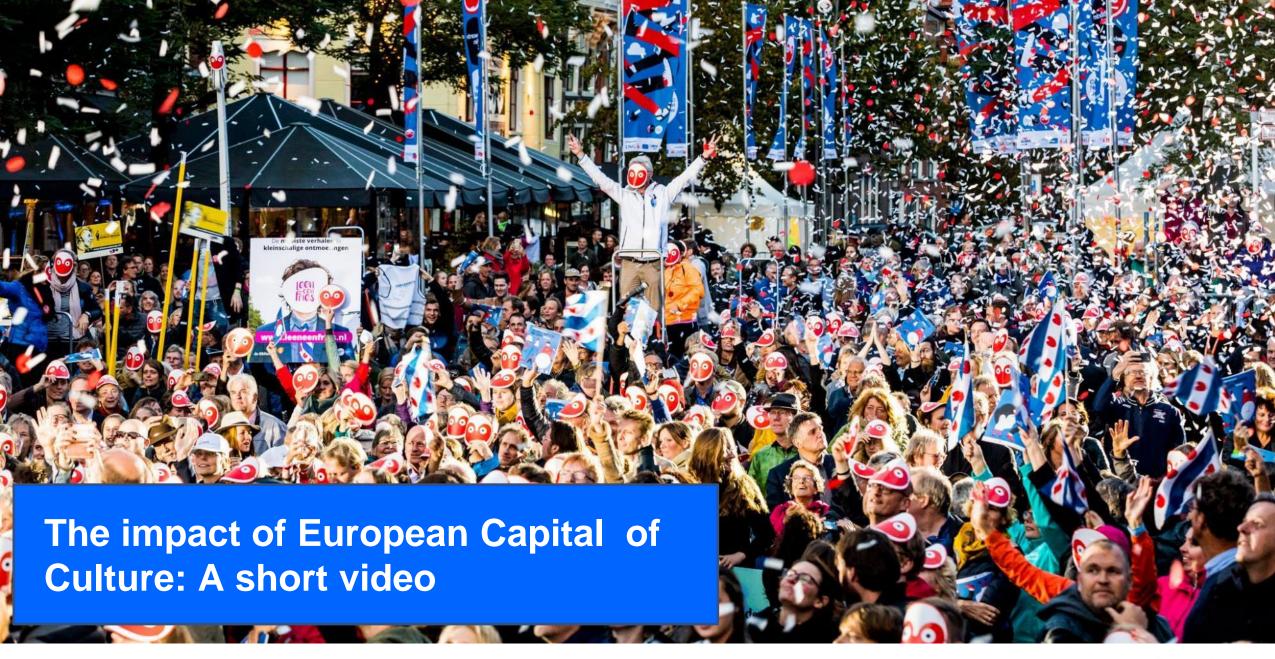








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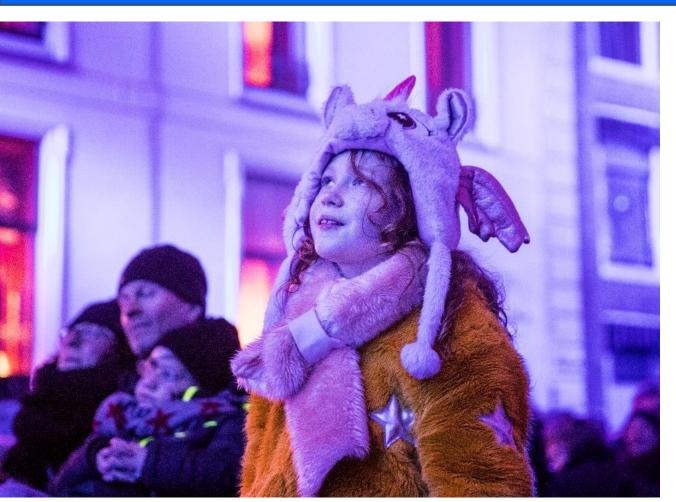


Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018:

Not just culture

#### Culture as a driver for change





2018 was just a step towards 2028 for Leeuwarden and Fryslân

The region has many challenges and through culture a stage to tell our story

Glocalised themes: global themes coming from local urgencies

### Our concept: lepen Mienskip



- Mienskip ("an action-driven community"): our stronghold
- lepen ("Open"): our challenge
- "Be they cultural, social, economic or ecological, the challenges facing Leeuwarden-Fryslân are the same challenges facing cities and regions throughout Europe"



Ceasing economic opportunities: focussing on cultural tourism

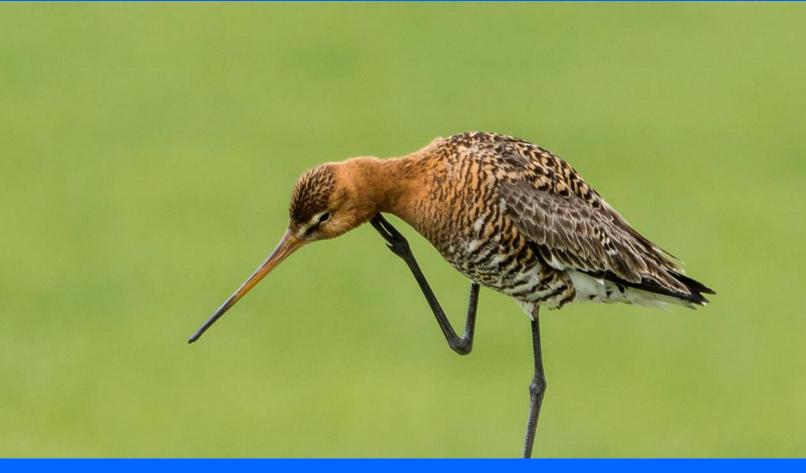


**Strengthening the artistic climate** 



Inclusion: everybody has a talent, everybody can join in





**Ecology and biodiversity** 



The riches of multi-lingualism

Our way of working





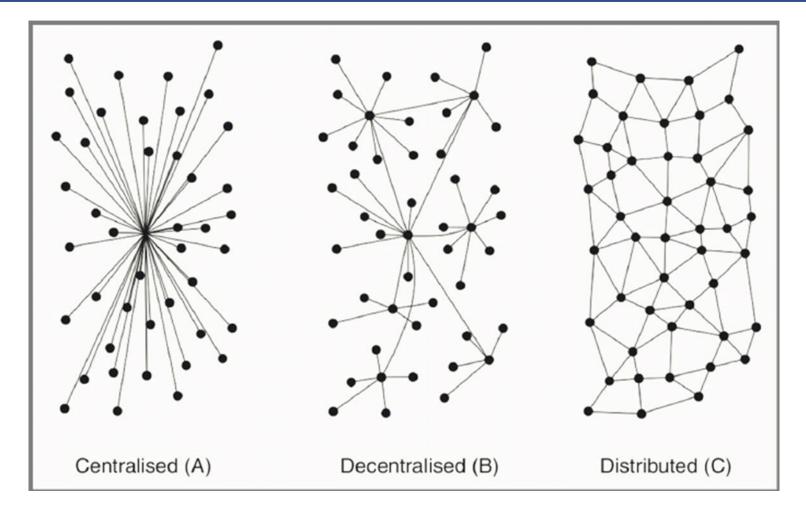
80 % of the inhabitants joined in, 60.000 contributed actively







#### Transition from "Mienskip" to "lepen Mienskip"





The results









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### Marketing & communications:

**Bidbook: 80 million contacts** In total: 665 million contacts

A la découverte de Leeuwarden, onnante capitale européenne de la culture 2018



Explore it with a local: Leeuwarden the Netherlands' capital of culture



23, 24 KPI

The New York Times

constantly changing name

Vederlands stad Leeuwarden is ver

Known as Leeuwarden, Ljouwert and Liwwadden, alon Culturele Hoofdstad van Europa Louward 2018's Furoper hundreds of variants over the centuries, 2018's Europe

Culture is the world's undisputed capital of place name 28-01-18, 03.55u - Redactie - Bron: Belga





The immaterial results

#### **Pride**

A strong impulse for government and for the quadruple helix to cooperate

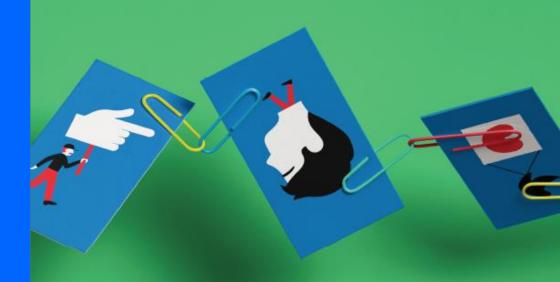
Experience and successes in cross-sectoral working

Can do!

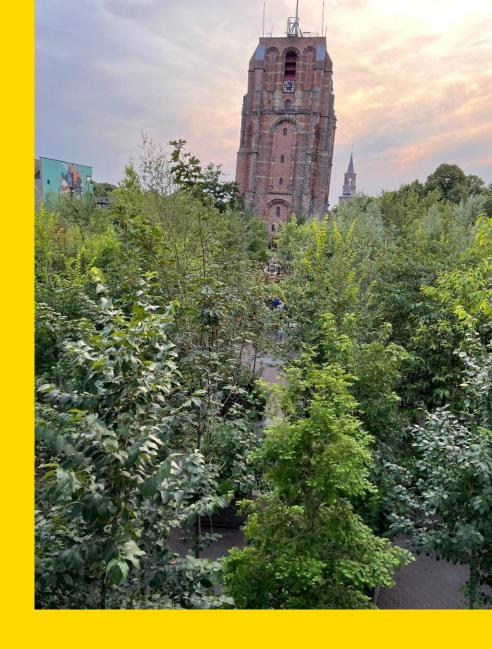


**Evaluation & monitoring** 

## FINAL ASSESSMENT LF2018 RESEARCH RESULTS



### Our legacy





### What is Arcadia?

- In LF2018 we prepared the soil and planted the seeds
- Every 3 years large scale cultural manifestation
- Cross-sectoral cooperation
- Arcadia 2022 theme: 'how to be a good ancestor?'
- Transitions need a change of behaviour: heart -> head -> hands
- 100 days of expositions, performances and collective action
- 750.000 visits expected, 25.000 active participations
- 100+ events: from professional artists to community led









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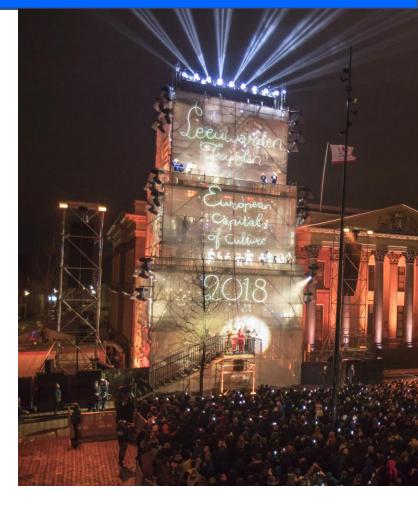
#### **Lessons learned (1)**

- At the start: open up! It gets better results later on.
- Accept "cooperational headaches": don't avoid, but overcome them
- Working with instutions is necessary, working outside the institutions is essential
- Don't create a cultural showcase, focus on what you have
- to offer to Europe building on your urgencies Invest in cross-sectoral working: it's complex, but rewarding (and you won't get a better catalyst than ECoC) Choose your inner-circle (in partners and in persons):
- who is able and willing to make important decisions (find "powerhouses" "when the going gets tough, the tough get going...")
- Work with the best of your people and your partner's people: the best and nothing but the best!



### **Lessons learned (2)**

- Choose your control; act on "reasonable thrust"
- For government: find out which department has the "movers and shakers".
- For government: don't stand aside, dare to coproduce (but don't mingle in cultural and creative decisions)
- In marketing: let others tell your story
- Use only a few KPI's for monitoring & evaluation
- Always have 2031, 2032, 2040 in the back of your head, but ...
- ... don't expect to bring the legacy to the front earlier than half 2030

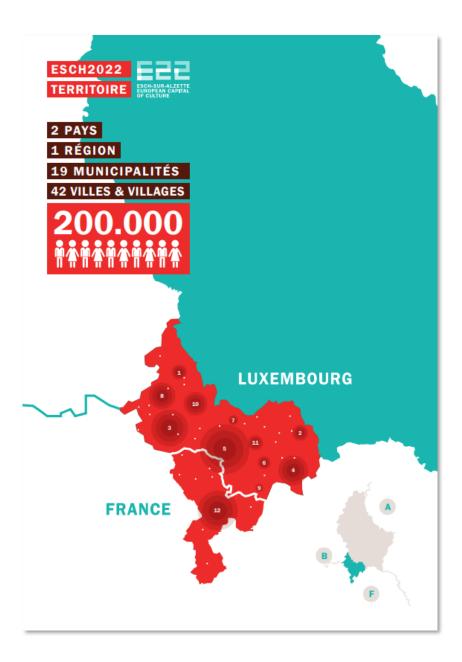


# Welcome to Esch2022, European Capital of Culture











European Capitals of Culture **2022** 



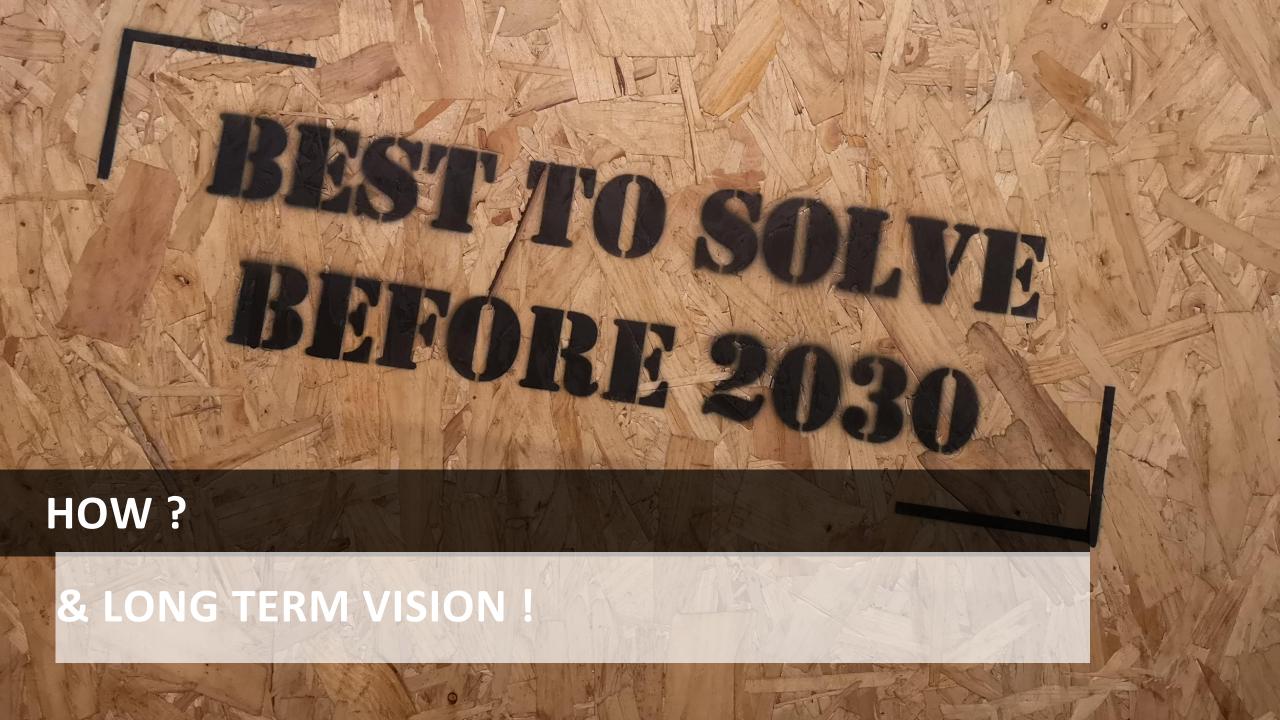
... and we are working on a broader European level

With the ECOC Family: Kaunas 2022 & Novi Sad 2022





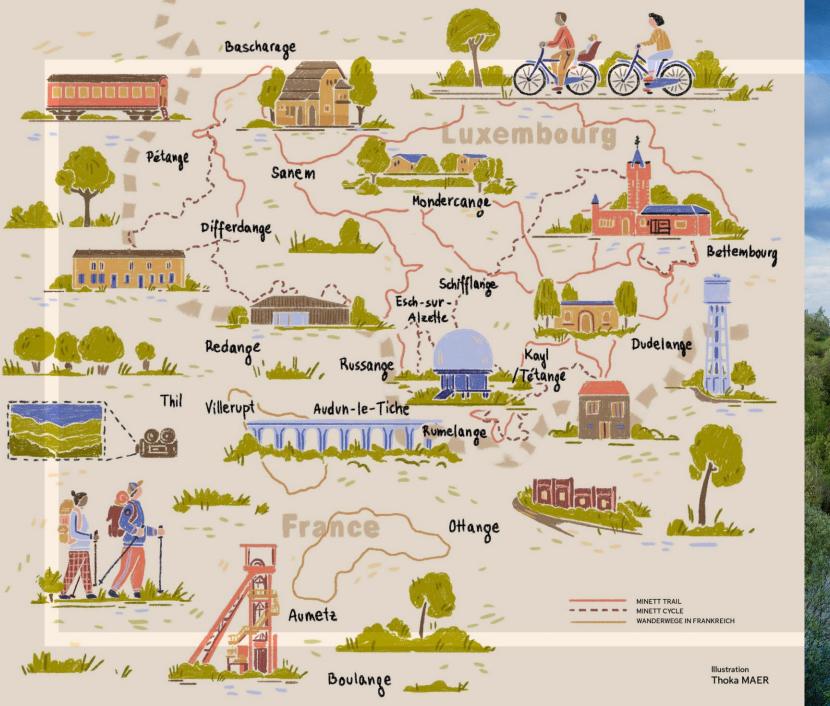




























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Site internet

Stratégie des réseaux sociaux

La Gazette

Campagnes Opening et Closing

Plan média

Partenariat avec les associations de commerçants

Coopération avec les communes







## **AFTER MOVIE ESCH2022**

#### Teaser

#### Additional information:

- Web: www.esch2022.lu
- More videos: youtube channel: <u>Esch2022 YouTube</u>
- Gazette, the monthly magazine: <u>The Esch2022-Gazette Esch2022</u>
- Susutaibable development: www.elo.lu
- Business for culture club: www.bfcc.lu
- Minett Trail: <u>www.minetttrail.lu</u>
- Minett Cycle: <u>www.minettcycle.lu</u>
- Cottages: www.simpleviu.com

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## Nice to meet you!

- Kaatje Gevaert
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### **VLEVA**

- Flemish-European Liaison Agency
- Bridge between Europe and Flemish local authorities, civil society and the Flemish government
- European institutions in our back yard
- 4 pillars:
  - Monitoring
  - o Network
  - o Bridge
  - o EU Grants

### **AGORIA**









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**DIGITAAL VLAANDEREN** 































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## What will we talk about today?

- Europe: Policy vs. Grants
- Key principles of EU funding
- European Grant Landscape



































### **VLEVA's EU GRANTS SERVICES**

- EU Grant Guide + Overview EU Calls
- Information and networking events
- Communication: website, social media, <u>YouTube kanaal VLEVA</u>
- Useful tools:
  - Contact point overview
  - Overzicht events
  - o <u>Nieuwsberichten</u>
- Service:
  - o EU Desk: <u>subsidieteam@vleva.eu</u>
  - Partnersearch

### For local authorities

- EU-guide for local authorities
  - thematic overview linked to EU-funding
  - inspiring examples
  - o call overview
- Tailormade infosessions and trainings
- Training EU Grants for local authorities spring 2024



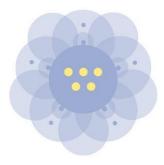




# Walmeet.eu: a tool to assist actors in Wallonia in building European projects and partnerships

#### www.walmeet.eu











#### Walmeet.eu is:

- ✓ A website featuring calls for proposals, tenders, and expert information
- √A platform connecting administrations involved in European funding to share relevant information
- ✓ An organiser of matching events:
  - Organised by external actors, whether members of the platform or not
  - Organised by Walmeet.eu in collaboration with platform members
- √ Scheduled for an official launch in January 2024

## **EU Policy vs. EU Grants**





## **European funding programmes?**

Policy framework European Commission

Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027

EU funding programmes

(Annual) work programs

Calls

Projects

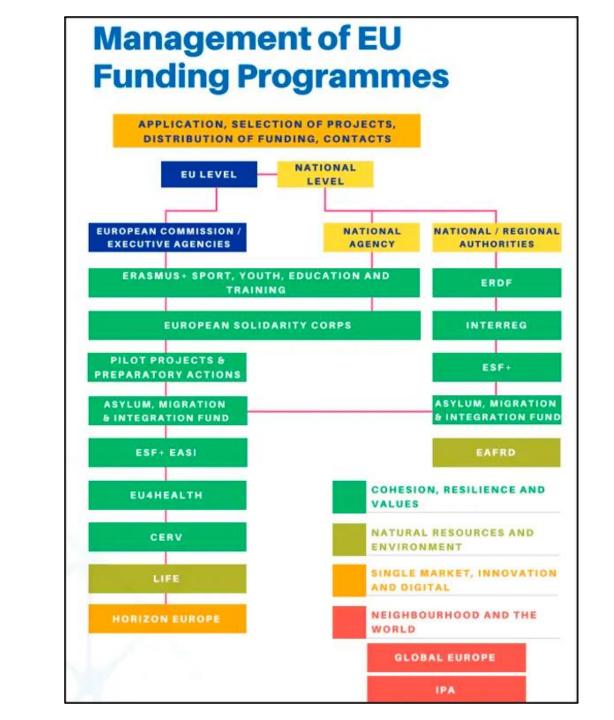


#### **KEY PRINCIPLES**

- (Mostly) international
- Innovative
- Result-oriented, dissemination and valorisation
- EU-funding takes time
- Every programme has clear goals
- Co-financing and pre-financing
- Centralised versus Decentralised







## Which EU Program for Your Idea?

- Objective of your project and link with EU program
- Technology Readiness Level (TRL)
- Level of ambition possible forms of collaboration
- success rate
- Funding

## **VLEVA'S Strategy & Approach**

- Many opportunities in different EU-programs
- Link with EU priorities: Green Deal Digital -Inclusive
- Holistic approach, EU-projects as an intensive for
  - Society: projects related to integration, inclusion, participation and health
  - Economy: Circular economy, climate and environment, mobility, ...





## **ERASMUS+ -** Jeugddienst Turnhout



## **CERV - Eurozoersel 2022**









## **Opportunities**

- Erasmus+ Sport
- Erasmus+ Youth
- Erasmus+ Training and Education
- Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV)
- European Solidarity Corps
- AMIF (Integration en Asylum)





## ESF+ -Gemeenschapsdienst Herselt



- European Social Fund
- AMIF
- Erasmus+
- Interreg





#### **HORIZON EUROPE - Connecting Nature**



#### LIFE+ - Green4Grey



#### **European Urban City Facility -** D-CLICK Brussels





# **ELENA - SUPRA**



# **ERDF** - Project Diest Wijk Slachthuissite



- Life
- European Fund for Regional Development
- Interreg
- European Urban Initiative
- Horizon Europe
- EU City Facility
- ELENA





## **ERDF - Digitaal ondernemersloket Sint-Niklaas**



- Digital Europe
- European Fund for Regional Development
- Interreg
- European Sociaal Fund

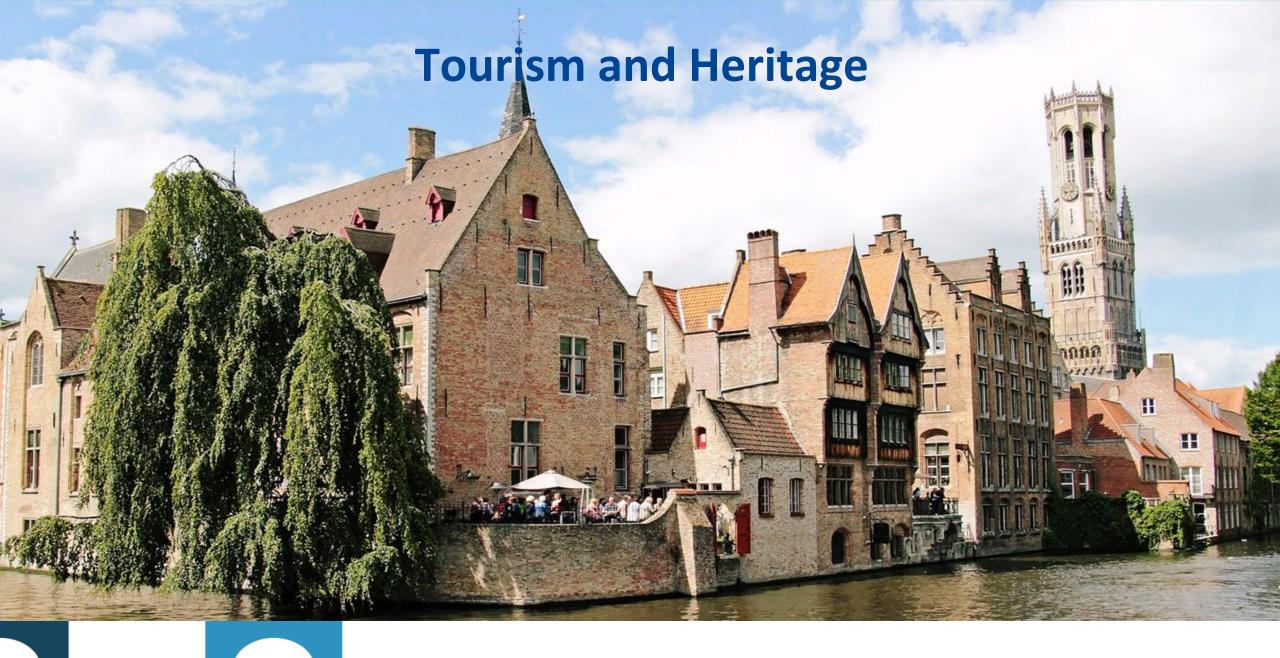




#### **ERDF - Bike2School**



- CEF Transport
- Horizon Europe
- European Fund for Regional Development
- Interreg



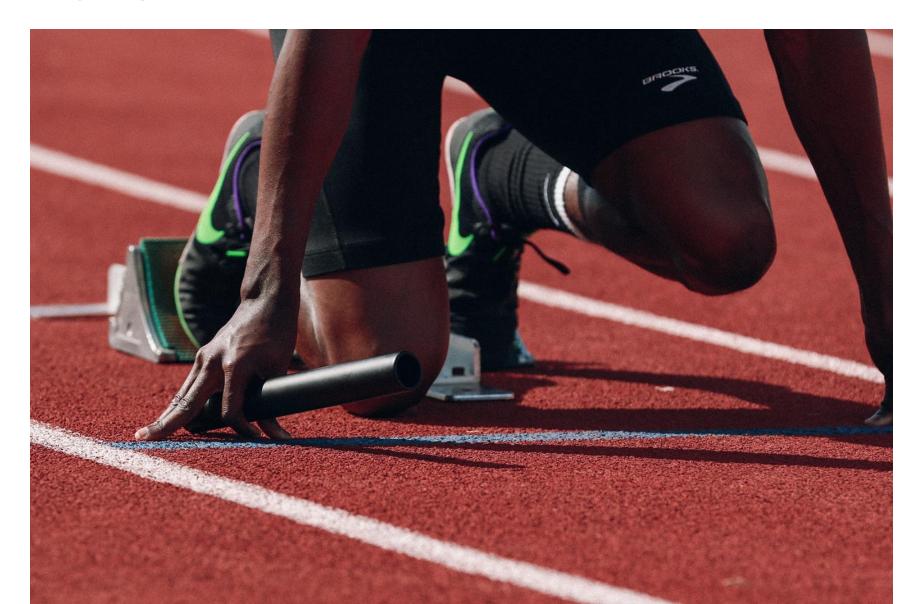


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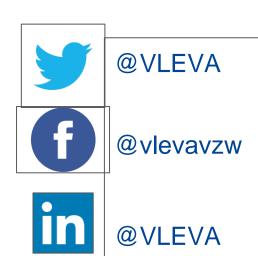
- Creative Europe
- EFRO
- Interreg
- Horizon Europe
- LIFE

# And now?





#### **Thanks! Any questions? More info?**



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# Pre-selection

## Pre-selection 2024

- Express your intent before 2 August 2024
- Submit your application before 17:00 on 2 September 2024
  - > By email (info@ecoc2030.be)
  - > Send 20 English hard copies to the following address (after 5 February):

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