

The EU Cultural Programme 2014

The Cultural Activities programme promotes dialogue, cultural exchanges and intercultural cooperation between the European Union and the Mediterranean partners. The EU recognizes the importance of cultural and artistic projects; over the years it has funded numerous initiatives across Palestine and in the region. Such actions protect and promote Palestinian cultural heritage, identity and cultural life both locally and internationally.

The European Union provides funds to both local and regional organizations to carry out their initiatives in a wide range of cultural areas such as dance, music, film festivals, theatre productions, exhibitions, training workshops, etc. The grants are awarded on the basis of competitive annual calls for proposals.

In line with the strategy of the Palestinian Authority, proposals under this call must address at least one of the **priorities** below:

- Promotion of the creativity of Palestinian artists, men and women, through exchange and cooperation with contemporary artists from Palestine and the Euro-Mediterranean region.
- Preservation, awareness and visibility of the Palestinian cultural heritage both at national and international level involving especially youth, women and children.
- Promotion of the cultural participation for the consolidation of social cohesion, including promotion of culture in primary/secondary schools curricula.

The execution of concrete cultural productions such as performances (music, dance, theatre, visual arts) or exhibitions involving Palestinian artists, the use of media and the promotion of gender equality are important elements across all EU-supported cultural projects.

LIST OF ON GOING PROJECTS

Call for proposals 2013

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/End date	EU contribution EUR	Summary
Birzeit 7th Heritage Week	Rozana Association for the Development of Architectural Heritage	NA	02/01/2014 02/10/2014	59,644 Euro	The project aims to protect cultural heritage and promote intercultural gender-aware dialogue locally, regionally, and internationally. It will do so through the organization of a cultural festival at the Birzeit historical center which will include: Palestinian and international proceedings; music, dance, film screening, theatre performances, local productions, handcrafts exhibits, galleries, children's activities and international displays.

Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival (RCDF) 2014	First Ramallah Group	1. Al-Kasaba Theatre & Cinematheque-Palestinian 2. Art Stations Foundation-Polish 3. L'Officina atelier marseillais de production-France	02/01/2014 01/08/2014	60,000 Euro	The project aims to promote gender-aware cooperation and cultural exchanges between Palestine and the Euromed region in order to develop the dance sector in Palestine. It will support the organization of the Ramallah Contemporary Dance Festival in 2014 which – inter alia - will provide equal opportunities to women and persons with disabilities to participate at the activities of the festival.
The power of music and dance as components of identity, and vectors of change	Al Funoun Palestinian Popular Dance Troup	NA	02/01/2014 01/01/2015	60,000 Euro	The project aims to promote and protect the diversity and richness of Palestinian identity and artistic heritage in music and dance. With its trademark artistic vision, Al-Funoun will organize artistic productions and performances with the engagement of young talents, young professionals and diversified groups.

<p>The Jerusalem Show VII: Art and Life in Palestine</p>	<p>Al-Ma'mal Foundation for Contemporary Art</p>	<p>Khalil Sakakini Cultural Center</p>	<p>02/01/2014 01/01/2015</p>	<p>60,000 Euro</p>	<p>The seventh Jerusalem Show will promote dialogue and exchange between cultures. It will connect Palestine with the outside world – primarily the Euro-Mediterranean region, and bridge fragmented parts of Palestine: East Jerusalem with the West Bank and with Gaza. The Jerusalem Show will promote contemporary art in Palestine as well as Palestinian cultural heritage and life. Through exhibitions, performances and workshops with artists in several cities, towns and villages, the Jerusalem Show will activate the local cultural scene and provide possibilities for free expression, learning through success, freedom of choice and solidarity through unity. The Jerusalem Show will be implemented in the framework of the Qalandiya International festival of art and culture in Palestine; a festival organized by a network of 7 local institutions in Palestine.</p>
<p>B-Orders; First professional contemporary circus creation from Palestine</p>	<p>Palestinian Circus School</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>02/01/2014 01//11/2014</p>	<p>60,000 Euro</p>	<p>The project will support the Palestinian Circus School to create and promote a professional circus production locally and abroad. The emergence of this new contemporary art form in Palestine will enhance creativity and diversity in an inclusive society. It will also provide a professional opportunity for many Palestinian circus artists.</p>

The Palestine National Music Competition	Edward Said National Conservatory of Music	NA	02/01/2013 01/01/2014	55,592 Euro	The project will promote creativity and excellence in music among young Palestinian musicians within an innovative atmosphere. It will allow formusical exchange among Palestinian young musicians from all parts of Palestine and will enhance ESNM's community and European relations
Ordinary Perfections: artistic works in communal spaces	Riwaq- Centre for Architectural Conservation	NA	02/01/2014 01//02/2015	50,996.69 Euro	The project will support the production of creative and artistic works in communal spaces in Palestine which are related to cultural heritage. It will also encourage such productions though regional cooperation.

First International Comics Festival	Yabous Production Association	NA	02/01/2014 01/01/2015	57,424.76 Euro	The main goal of this project is to revive and widen the cultural life of Palestine by introducing a new artistic field, comics. The first-ever international comics festival will be organized in Palestine to promote new talent and the art of comic in Palestine. The project will encourage Palestinian youth to develop their skills within this field and will spot new local talents through a national comics competition.
Performing Arts: A Pathway Towards Self Expression and Democracy [funded through regional cultural programme]	A. M. Qattan Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Al Harah Theatre -The Jerusalem. Ashtar Association -El-Funoun -Palestinian Popular Dance Troupe -Popular Art Centre -The Freedom Theatre -Yes Theatre for Communication among Youth -The Palestinian Circus School -Al Kamandjâti Association -Theatre Day Productions -Magnificat Institute -Edward Said National Conservatory of Music 	03/02/2014 02/02/2016	965,970 Euro	Through a number of performing arts and cultural productions of Palestinian artists, the project will contribute to the development of a democratic and pluralistic society that respects human rights and enhances Palestinian national identity