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Partner search form

For **Creative Europe** project applications

Call	*Support to European Cooperation Projects 2027 (Call is expected to open in Q1 / 2027)*
Strand or category	*Small cooperation projects*

Cultural operator – who are you?

Name of organisation	Varkaus museum center Konsti
Country	Finland
Organisation website	https://varkaus.fi/en/konsti
Contact person	Anna Vepsä, anna.vepsa@varkaus.fi
Organisation type	art museum, cultural historical museum
Scale of the organization	small
PIC number	919131261
Aims and activities of the organisation	Our museum produces exhibitions and public events to the people in community and also for tourists. We want to cherish our local heritage in our collections of art, photographs and artefacts.
Role of the organisation in the project	Coordinator
Previous EU grants received	European Heritage Label, https://ehl-bureau.eu/en/project/industrial-heritage-of-varkaus/

Proposed Creative Europe project – to which project are you looking for partners?

Sector or field	Dealing with civil war traumas by means of art
Description or summary of the proposed project	We want to address the trauma of Finnish and other European civil wars together with European project partners through theatre and more broadly dance and new circus. Our initial idea is to collect and share information about dealing with war trauma through art, produce an immersive theatre performance and organize an international residency. An immersive drama would bring some characters alive and deal the theme differently. Historical events are also relevant to become aware of, especially nowadays, when polarization and radicalization are raising their heads. What do we search from European partners? Willing and/or knowhow to deal with civil war memories/structures/traumas by means of art. Dialogue about the civil war impacts. For example museums, theatres and also smaller associations are desired partners. Dialogue between European partners makes the theme accessible and universal. Through the project, we hope to increase artists' skills in dealing with war-related topics and in collecting and processing war memories, working together with audiences.

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	The industrial heritage of Varkaus got the European Heritage Label in 2026 and it opens a Finnish perspective on the history of European industrialization of almost three centuries. The civil war heavily impacted the local community working in the factory.
Partners currently involved in the project	The Theatre of Varkaus, the scriptwriter Eira Virekoski, The Regional Dance Center of Eastern Finland *(ITAK),* youth theatre project Hehku in Varkaus, Taideniitty – residence in Varkaus

Partners searched – which type of partner are you looking for?

From country or region	Serbia, Croatia, Ireland, Spain, Norway, other EHL-sites
Preferred field of expertise	contemporary circus, theater and dance
Please get in contact no later than	15.12.2026

Projects searched – are you interested in participating in other EU projects as a partner?

Yes / no	yes
Which kind of projects are you looking for?	industrial themes

Publication of partner search

This partner search can be published?*	Yes