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## **A web-repertory of resources linked to culture mobility** *An introductory document to* **Kazakhstan**

This document is not conceived as a guide to funding cultural mobility for artists and cultural professionals from and to Kazakhstan but as a listing of websites and information platforms which may be relevant to find out more about cultural policy, cultural organisations, funding organisations and resource-based articles related to Kazakhstan. As usual for such a concise resources' document, the aim is not to duplicate information but to signpost existing resources and information.

Any feedback, comment and additional resources can be sent to [funding@culture360.org](mailto:funding@culture360.org)

For other sources of funding, you can also check:

- The cultural mobility funding guides for Asia: <http://culture360.asef.org/asef-news/mobility/>
- The cultural mobility funding guides for Europe, the Arab Region and the USA: <http://on-the-move.org/funding/>

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### **1. General information about Kazkhstan: cultural policy**

Khakimova, Elvira (2014) *Cultural policy in Central Asia: comparative analysis of legislations and public policies*

This thesis provides an innovative and original contribution to the field of cultural policy research, critically assessing the public cultural policies enforced in three Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

<http://e-theses.imtlucca.it/159/>

[http://e-theses.imtlucca.it/159/2/Khakimova\\_mixedphdthesis.pdf](http://e-theses.imtlucca.it/159/2/Khakimova_mixedphdthesis.pdf)

In process

*Cultural Institutions and Policy Development in Kazakhstan*, a report by Sana Kim, MPhil student in the Department of the Culture, Media and the Creative Industries (King's College London)

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/cultural/-/Current-projects/Kazakhstan.aspx>

Follow cultural policy news related to Kazakhstan on IFACCA's website

Choose "select a country" on IFACCA homepage's world map

<http://ifacca.org/>

## 2. Culture related organisations / events / artists

Georgy Mamedov, *An Introduction to Theatre Today in Central Asia* (by IETM) - 2015  
A not-to-be missed article on Kazakhstan pages 6-11 with a lot of references of cultural organisations and projects.

[https://www.ietm.org/en/system/files/publications/introduction\\_theatre\\_central\\_asia\\_2015.pdf](https://www.ietm.org/en/system/files/publications/introduction_theatre_central_asia_2015.pdf)

See the 2014 article: *Theatre in Central Asia: Development, Tradition and Theatrical Culture*  
<http://pulsocentralasia.org/2014/12/30/special-of-the-month-theatre-in-central-asia-development-tradition-and-theatrical-culture/>

The article *Contemporary Kazakhstan* introduces artists, places and/organisations in various fields (visual arts, performing arts, literature, cinema)

<http://viennacontemporarymag.com/2014/05/20/contemporary-kazakhstan/>

Among other flagship events, the International Contemporary Art festival ARTBAT FEST is introduced in the abovementioned article.

<http://artbat.kz/en/about/>

## 3. Funding organisations (outgoing mobility from Kazakhstan)

Aga Khan Music Initiative  
<http://www.akdn.org/music>

British-Kazakh Society  
<http://www.bksoc.org.uk>

Prince Claus Fund  
<http://princeclausfund.org>

CEC-ArtsLink (USA)  
<http://www.cecartslink.org/>

Eurasian Cultural Alliance  
<http://kazakh-tv.kz/en/programms/viewArchive?id=7692>

Check the guide 'open to any nationality' supported by the Asia-Europe Foundation  
<http://culture360.asef.org/asef-news/mobility/>

The review of the 2015 news on On the Move's website highlighted as well some opportunities which targeted particularly artists/cultural professionals from Kazakhstan (Onebeat, USA, The cultures of resistance scholarships, the Central Asian Academy of music, the Yarat residency in Azebadjan etc.)

<http://on-the-move.org/search/?q=kazakhstan>

The same type of search for opportunities can be done on the ASEF cultural portal, Culture360:  
<http://culture360.asef.org/?s=kazakhstan>

#### 4. Examples of Asia-Europe / Kazakstan cooperation art and cultural projects – a short press review

**Czech Republic** (2013): Major exhibition in Prague and enhanced cultural cooperation  
<http://astanatimes.com/2013/02/kazakhstans-culture-on-display-in-prague/>

**France** (2015): 10 Kazakh artists exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Arts in Strasbourg  
– detailed article  
<http://artradarjournal.com/2015/01/30/10-kazakh-artists-to-know-now/>

Report (2014): *Social curating and its public: curators from Eastern Europe: Report on their practices* (including in South Kazakhstan)  
[http://www.ecoledumagasin.com/session23/wpcontent/uploads/2014/06/ONCURATING\\_Issue18.pdf](http://www.ecoledumagasin.com/session23/wpcontent/uploads/2014/06/ONCURATING_Issue18.pdf)

**Italy** (2013): Kazakh festival held in Italy  
<http://astanatimes.com/2013/04/kazakh-culture-festival-held-in-italy/>

**Japan** (2013): Kazakh-Japan anti-nuclear exhibition  
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2013/11/22/national/kazakhstan-japan-antinuclear-exhibition/#.VmwiP3u8zLZ>

**Singapore** (2015): An exhibition focusing on artists from Central Asia  
<http://astanatimes.com/2015/04/unique-exhibition-showcases-works-of-central-asian-artists/>

**Spain and Portugal** (2013) – Support for Kazakhstan for Expo Milan 2017  
<http://astanatimes.com/2013/05/spain-and-portugal-to-assist-kazakhstan-in-expo-2017-preparations/>

**United Kingdom** (2015): Artist in Residency Zoe Benbow in Almaty  
<http://zobenbow.co.uk/artist-in-residence-anglo-kazahk-society-almaty-kazakhstan/>

#### 5. Going to Kazakhstan (incoming mobility)

This website can be a useful platform including diplomatic missions' contacts as well as useful numbers and administrative matters.  
<http://www.edgekz.com>

The **Puls of Central Asia Magazine** can be an interesting reference  
<http://pulsofcentralasia.org/puls-magazine/>

See for instance the article on underground music in Kazakhstan:  
<http://pulsofcentralasia.org/2014/12/30/kazakhstan-how-to-pop-out-on-the-kazakh-pop-stage/>

General information about cultures from Central Asia  
<http://www.centralasiacultures.com>

**Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty** - A useful website and radio focusing on Central Asia  
<http://www.rferl.org/section/kazakhstan/158.html>

With an interesting article on a recent **theatre play “Zhannat”** (Paradise) staging extremist recruitment in Kazakhstan  
<http://www.rferl.org/content/kazakhstan-play-nontraditional-islam-terrorism-islamic-state/27051470.html>