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# Open call for Asia-Europe Collaborations



## ARTISTS & ARTS MANAGERS COLLABORATE NOW!

### What is Mobility First?

**Mobility First! – ASEF Cultural Mobility Initiative** is a mobility grants programme that supports the mutual cultural practice of those working in the arts. Since it was launched in 2017, **Mobility First!** has supported cross-border mobility of over 300 cultural professionals between 48 ASEM countries.

In 2021, in response to the continuing restrictions on travel and physical gatherings due to Covid-19, **Mobility First!** will offer virtual **collaboration grants** to **artists** and **arts managers** from Asia and Europe to jointly create **new works or texts**. This initiative aims to create opportunities for international cultural exchange and professional connections at a time of very limited face-to-face encounters.

### What are the benefits of the programme?

1. **Engaging in creative work** - A fixed grant of SGD 500 per grantee or collaborator that is meant for artists' fee and time spent on producing creative outputs
2. **Knowledge sharing** - grantees benefit from a true exchange of ideas from working with their peers from Asia and/or Europe
3. **Building and strengthening connections** - collaborations allow for meaningful conversations and diverse cultural expressions

## Focus areas:

The following focus areas will be prioritised for the ***Mobility First!*** open call:

1. **The role and value of artists/arts in a time of crisis** Activities that raise awareness of the significance and contribution of artists & the arts in bringing people together and nurturing positive social change in times of uncertainty
2. **The arts in crisis** Activities that respond to challenges in the arts in the time of Covid-19, particularly the loss of livelihood of many artists & cultural practitioners, disruption of traditional business models of arts organisations, unequal opportunities, and the current debates on the arts as ‘non-essential’ services in a crisis
3. **International cultural collaborations in the new normal** Activities that inspire new and innovative approaches to international collaborations in the time of physical distancing and restricted mobility. International collaborations that involve cross-sectional themes between arts/culture and sustainability & climate change, technology, economy, public health etc. are welcome
4. **Art and well-being** Activities that contribute to the growing body of knowledge on the intersection between art and mental health. Activities that demonstrate improving health and well-being through the arts

**Note:** The activity which you are intending to collaborate on does not need to tackle all four focus areas.

## Who can apply?

Eligibility is via 2 tracks:

1. **Individuals** - 2 or 3 artists or arts managers may submit a joint proposal for an activity they wish to collaborate on
2. **Organisations** - Arts organisations may submit a joint proposal for 3-6 collaborators for an activity they are organising

Please refer to the [Application Guidelines](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more details on eligibility.

## How much is the grant value?

Each selected participant will be awarded a grant of **SGD 500**. The total grant amount is dependent on the number of participants in the collaboration.

## How to apply?



## Organisations

### APPLICATION PROCESS



ORGANISATION CONTRACTS & DISBURSES PAYMENT TO EACH COLLABORATOR

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## Timeline

The Mobility First! collaboration grants open call is accepting applications from 1-28 February 2021. Applications close on Sunday, **28 February 2021, 23:59 SGT (GMT+8)**

### Cycle 1

Open call	1-28 February
Selection results announcement	15 March
Collaboration period	1 April to 30 May
Final submission of requirements	30 May
Disbursement of grants	1-15 July

### Cycle 2 (tentative)

Open call	1-31 May
Selection results announcement	30 June
Collaboration period	15 July to 15 September
Final submission of requirements	15 September
Disbursement of grants	15 November to 15 December

## Questions

Read the [Application Guidelines](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

For other queries, drop us an email at: [mobilityfirst@asef.org](mailto:mobilityfirst@asef.org)

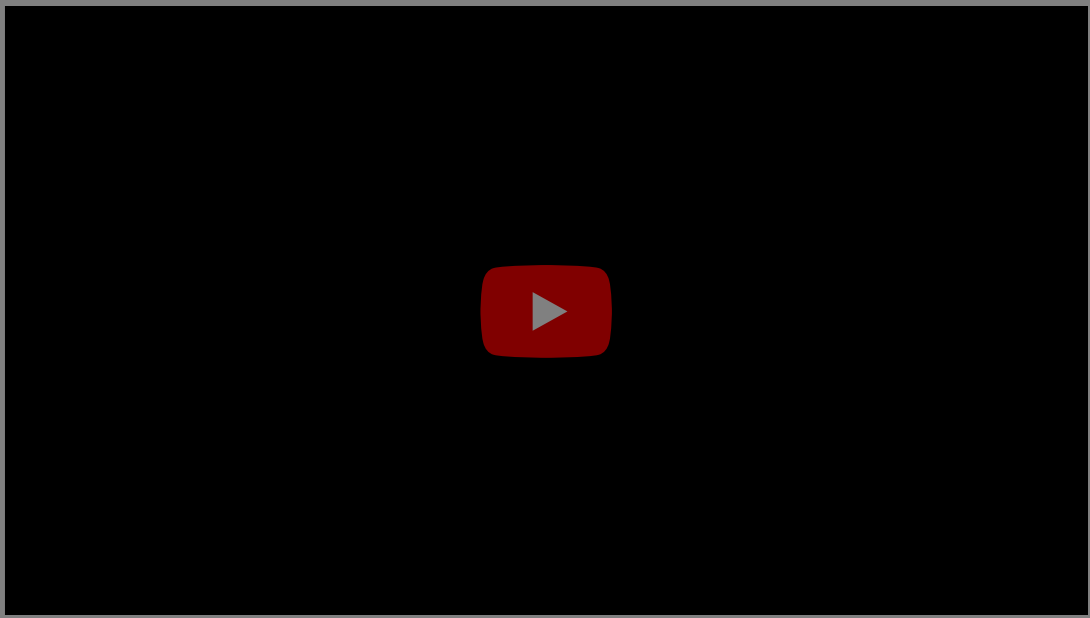
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You may apply at the [Mobility First!](#) microsite using the buttons below.

Individuals and organisations have separate online application forms. Please ensure you are filling the correct form.

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