

OPEN CALL

for cultural projects of the East of Culture European Stadium of Culture 2026

Design the culture of innovation with us!

East of Culture European Stadium of Culture has become a permanent fixture in the calendar of city events in Rzeszów. It is the largest in the Podkarpacie region and one of the most interesting interdisciplinary festivals in Poland, which has provided participants with an intensive dose of artistic experiences since its beginning in 2011. The East of Culture European Stadium of Culture Festival is a space for implementing unconventional projects.

This is a call for proposals for the comprehensive implementation of artistic projects to be included in the program of the East of Culture – European Stadium of Culture 2026 – an event that creates a space for unconventional projects, experimentation, and the fusion of various art forms.

We focus on:

- Creative experiments
- The use of new technologies
- Co-creating innovative artistic projects
- The coexistence and intersection of different artistic fields

We value:

- A pioneering approach
- Engaging narratives
- Innovative forms
- Diversity

Main theme of the 2026 edition: **INNOVATION** This year's edition of the ESoC festival will be held under the slogan: **INNOVATION**. We will focus on solutions that promote everything that helps build a creative, cultural ecosystem and demonstrate how an innovative approach can enhance the diversity of art and culture.

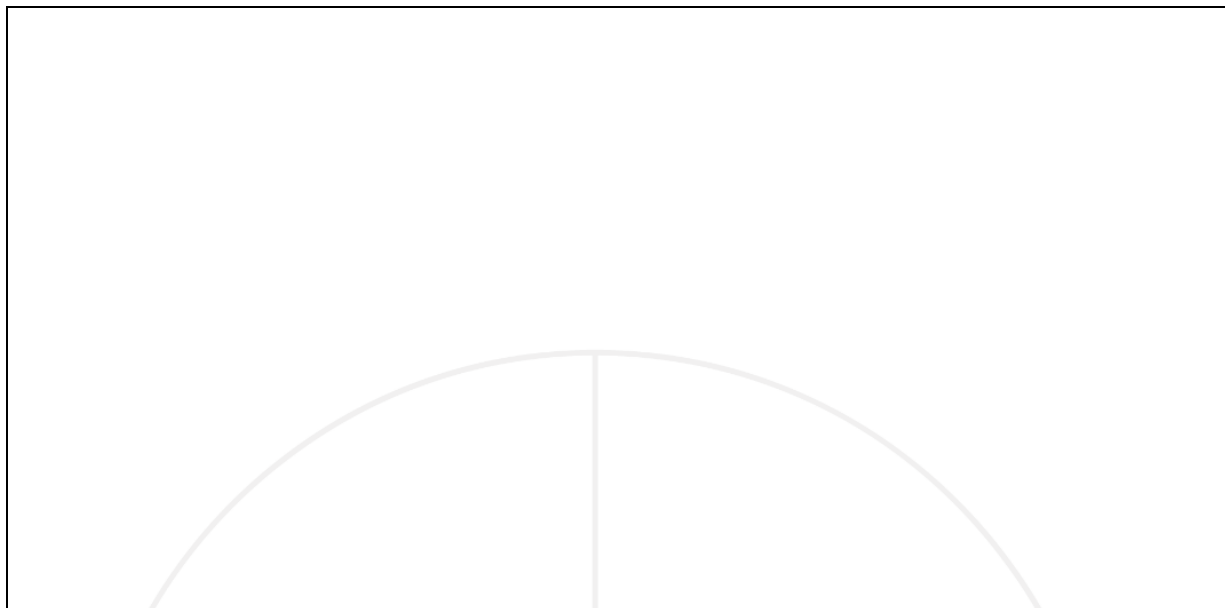
Consistently – as in previous years – we encourage experimentation within projects created for ESoC 2026, bold cultural actions, merging artistic disciplines, exploring virtual spaces, and creating mobility and residency programs.

- Festival dates: June 25th–28th, 2026
- Submission deadline: February 28th, 2026

APPLICATION FORM:

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENTITY SUBMITTING THE OFFER : • ADDRESS: • CONTACT: • TASK COORDINATOR: • EXPERIENCE IN IMPLEMENTING CULTURAL PROJECTS (EXAMPLES, FINANCING SOURCES):

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TITLE / NAME: • ART FIELD (CHOICE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> VISUAL ARTS <input type="checkbox"/> PERFORMING ARTS <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:..... • HOW THE PROJECT FITS INTO THE “INNOVATION” MOTTO: • EVENT DESCRIPTION: • PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK (ARTISTIC TEAM, SUBSTANTIVE COORDINATION): • REFERENCE TO THE FESTIVAL THEME: • SUGGESTED EVENT LOCATION: • PROJECT PARTNERS (INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION), DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTNER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION: • RECIPIENTS OF THE TASK (TARGET GROUPS): • ANTICIPATED RESULTS: • PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:



III. COST ESTIMATE (gross amounts, divided into substantive costs, stage and technical costs)



IV. PROJECT PROMOTION

- **SYNTHETIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PROMOTIONAL PROJECT (MAX. 1000 CHARACTERS):**
- **PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS:**

V. VISUALIZATIONS, PHOTOS , OTHER: