

Moving Balkans CALL FOR ARTISTS

Moving Balkans is a contemporary dance platform bringing together dance organizations from the Balkans. Our aim is to improve and support contemporary dance by raising awareness, producing dance works and organizing educational activities for dance professionals from the Balkans. We collaborate to support artistic mobility, co-creation and empowerment through capacity building, mentoring and fruitful synergies.

The 1st edition of the **Moving Balkans - Contemporary Dance Showcase** will be held in Ljubljana (Slovenia), Rijeka (Croatia) and Zagreb (Croatia) between **10–13 of May 2025**. The festival will showcase productions from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Türkiye and offer opportunities to meet, exchange ideas, interact with the audience and dance professionals, and be part of a new artistic network.

The selected performances will be shown amongst the three cities to the general public as well as to international professionals in the field of contemporary dance. Furthermore, the works will also benefit from the network touring scheme.

Please read carefully the Timeline and the Eligibility Criteria presented below as well as the Application Form: <https://forms.gle/T7GHA4TSPzzQA3Ko9>. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. For further information please visit the FAQ section below.

Online info session

An online info session will be held on **8 May 2024 at 16:00 CET** on **Zoom** (Click Here). During the info session the artistic board will present the project and answer questions. All potential applicants are invited to join the call (it will take about 1 hour).

**The deadline for submitting
your application is
2 June 2024 at 23:59 CET.**

Apply HERE

Additional questions: info@movingbalkans.eu
Applicants will be notified about the selection
in **September 2024**.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The submitted work must be a contemporary dance performance of at least 20 minutes.
2. The submitted work must have been premiered in professional conditions and contexts to the general public no more than two years prior to the deadline of this open call. Works in progress will not be accepted.
3. The authors must have at least two years of prior professional experience as choreographers (proof of two works created in professional context).
4. Each choreographer can submit only one work per year. Applications that were not successful in the Moving Balkans call cannot be resubmitted again the following year.
5. Executive producers of the submitted work must be based and reside in the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Türkiye.
6. The applicants must own the rights to perform the submitted work (music, script, etc.).
7. Applicants must provide all the information as required in the application form. Please upload your full-length video recording on Vimeo or YouTube providing us with the link and the password if necessary.
8. Successful applicants must be available to travel and present their work between 10–13 May 2025.

Selection Criteria

1. Quality of choreography and performance
2. Innovative and well-structured works
3. Works addressing contemporary social, artistic, environmental issues
4. Good presentation of works with limited technical conditions that can be easily toured

Selection Process

The Artistic board consists of all the Artistic Directors of the Network. There will be three (3) phases of the process:

Phase 1: Pre-selection filtering all eligible works

Phase 2: The artistic board along with two international experts will select 15 artworks.

Phase 3: Voting for the final 10 artworks that will be presented in the Festival Showcase.

What Moving Balkans offers to the selected artists

- Venue and technical support
- Promotion and visibility of the selected works
- Contribution fee to the artistic team
- Accommodation and meals
- Travel from and to the country of residence
- Free access to the shows of the festival

The Moving Balkans Showcase is part of the European cooperation project Moving Balkans Contemporary Dance Platform (www.movingbalkans.eu), that offers different opportunities for dancers, choreographers and cultural workers in the extended Balkan region. The second edition of the Moving Balkans Showcase Festival will be held in Novi Sad in May 2026. The second open call will be announced in April 2025.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Which countries participate in Moving Balkans? The participating countries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Türkiye.

I live in one of the countries mentioned above, but I do not have the nationality of this country. Can I apply?

Yes. If you are a legal resident in a country that participates in Moving Balkans, you can apply. During the application process we will ask for proof of residency.

Can I apply with my final university presentation (e.g. my M.A or post graduate work)?

No. Works created during a training course are not eligible.

Can we apply as a group of people or is the application for individuals only?

Yes. You can apply as a group of co-creators. Nevertheless, groups have to choose an authorized leader or production office. The authorized leader will submit the application, sign the contract and report the results on behalf of all members of the group.

In case of being selected and in case of an emergent situation can the work be transferred on to the next year?

It will be a decision amongst the partners if the transfer is possible.

Where can I apply?

You may find the application form at the website of Moving Balkans www.movingbalkans.eu

Is it possible to apply to Moving Balkans several times?

No. You can apply just once during each call.

In which language can I submit my documents?

Your application must be submitted in English. However, language skills are not rated in the application. All applicants are welcome to use online translation tools, if needed.

Does Moving Balkans welcome applications from artists with disabilities?

Yes. Artists with disabilities are welcome to apply. Please be specific in indicating any requirements and what type of assistance or special consideration you may need.

Does Moving Balkans accept performances addressing kids and young audiences?

The Moving Balkans primarily addresses adult audiences. Nevertheless, performances that can be seen by kids and young audiences will be considered. Please indicate the age of your target audience.