



## De Structura | Open Call for Professionals in Visual & Performing Arts

# De Structura is calling for participants for their two-year, cross-border collaborative project which will unearth and challenge the dominant paradigms and structures of European art worlds.

Deadline: 28 February 2022

[De Structura](#) will gather 150 young aspiring professionals in the fields of visual and performing arts. They will join the project from across the European continent to communicate with experts and their peers in order to realise 20 cross-border projects and shine a light on the institutional politics of art.

The project strives to give young Europeans in the arts the tools to be successful in their pursuit of a meaningful career and in bringing innovation to the art world.

## Step 1:

100 participants will be selected by the end of March and they will start working online in groups of 10 – in Think Tanks – each focusing on a specific topic relevant in the art world. The topics will be chosen and formulated by the Head Moderators of De Structura, in collaboration with project partners. Participants choose a topic of interest and together with their Think Tank colleagues they develop a deep understanding of the topic, aided by a group moderator who will structure their explorations and coordinate interactions with our numerous external contributors and experts.

## Step 2:

A large forum in Tallinn, Estonia will take place from 17th-26th of July 2022. During the first half of the forum the Think Tanks will examine their research, identify the problems inherent to their topic that they want to focus on as a group, and propose solutions. Those solutions together with the research will then be compiled into a report to be disseminated among institutions and decision makers. During the second half of the forum the participants will split into groups of 3 to 6 people according to

their artistic and career interests. They will spend those final days designing a common artistic project and write a plan for fundraising, production, communication and showing it to the public. The work of the think tanks will then continue at a large forum in Tallinn, Estonia from 17-26 July 2022, as the groups split off to formulate artistic projects. These projects will be realised from July 2022, with a check-in meeting with representatives of all groups in the Netherlands in November 2022.

### Step 3:

After July 2022 they will have a year to carry out the projects designed at the forum. There will be a check-in meeting with representatives of all groups in the Netherlands in November 2022. Many of our partners have expressed an interest in providing their platforms and spaces to show the projects. Once all of them are completed, the De Structura team will collect feedback from the participants about the challenges of carrying out artistic projects as a young professional in Europe. The feedback will be compiled into a second report to be disseminated among institutions and decision makers.

The programme is open to young (age 21-30) artists, art professionals, designers and culture workers operating within the fields of visual and performing arts, who have at least some existing experience in arts/culture and a passion for improving Europe's art sector.

20 participants, who are not able to afford the participation fee, will get an exemption from payment and a travel reimbursement to the forum in Tallinn.

Find more information [here](#).