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## International exchange programme for Ukrainian professionals in Matera

This edition of CREAPOLIS programme will offer participants direct access to methodologies that power creative hubs, public-private cooperation, and community-led development. The event is focused on Ukrainian professionals that will explore how innovative strategies from Southern Italy can be adapted to the Ukrainian context in a one-week international exchange.

Application Deadline: August 11 5pm CEST

Dates: 26th of October to 2nd of November

Location: Matera, Italy

Organization: [ERSTE Foundation](#) with the support of [b.creative](#) and [CREAPOLIS](#)

Language: English

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About the project

The project initiated and supported by [ERSTE Stiftung](#) with the support of [b.creative](#), [CREAPOLIS](#) is a European exchange and

capacity-building programme supporting Ukrainian professionals operating at the crossroads of civic engagement, local community development, and cultural innovation.

In a time of urgent reconstruction and societal transformation, the programme provides space for shared learning, peer exchange, and international collaboration.

The second edition of Creapolis will take place in Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage city that has transformed cultural heritage into a driver of local innovation. Hosted by [Consorzio Materahub](#)—a leading organisation in fostering creative entrepreneurship and cross-sector collaboration—this edition will offer participants direct access to methodologies that power creative hubs, public-private cooperation, and community-led development.

With a focus on post-war recovery and regional revitalization, participants will explore how innovative strategies from Southern Italy can be adapted to the Ukrainian context.

### What You'll Explore

- Creative hubs as engines for local collaboration and resilience
- Business models and funding for social and creative entrepreneurship
- Opportunities at the intersection of cultural heritage and tourism
- Long-term strategies for regional transformation through European cooperation

### What Participants Can Expect

- A one-week, immersive, hands-on experience in Matera
- Practical tools and collaborative methodologies
- Exchange with local experts and European peers
- Inspiration for Ukraine's recovery and future
- Access to a European network for continued cooperation
- All travel, accommodation, and programme costs are covered.

### Who Can Apply?

The project welcomes applications from experienced Ukrainian professionals engaged in community and civic development through culture, education, innovation, or entrepreneurship, including:

- Civil servants and local policymakers
- Educators, researchers, and social innovators
- Cultural and creative entrepreneurs
- Community organisers and local development actors

Applicants should demonstrate a clear motivation, relevant experience, and a commitment to applying insights from Creapolis to their local Ukrainian context.

For more information and to apply please visit CREAPOLIS' [official website](#).

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