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International exchange programme for Ukrainian professionals in Matera

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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 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

Apply here.

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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