# STRONGER PERIPHERIES

# [ OPEN CALL TANDEM "HAVING A VOICE" ] [ TERMS & CONDITIONS ]

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS: 04/03/22

# A. About Stronger Peripheries: A Southern Coalition

stronger Peripheries (2020-2024) is a large cooperation project co-funded by the Creative Europe Culture Programme, gathering eleven arts' management organizations and three research institutions from ten Southern-European countries. It is the first project to be implemented by the Southern Coalition, an informal network that connects locally anchored cultural practices in a European South, aiming at overcoming isolation and boosting the skills of artists, cultural professionals, and audiences.

Stronger Peripheries questions and discusses the notions of "south" and "peripheries" from a socio-political and socio-cultural point of view, providing an opportunity to renegotiate our identities through culture and the empowering confluence of cultural difference.

Stronger Peripheries opens a space for dialogue, collaboration, and joint learning among Southern Coalition's partners through diverse collaborative artistic strategies and capacity-building actions, whilst promoting reflection and influencing prevailing cultural policies' models in the South of Europe.

The project develops around three main areas of action:

- Collaborative strategies, envisioning to increase collaboration, professional opportunities and transnational mobility for artists and cultural operators from a peripheral South through the development of 12 *Tandems*, innovative methodologies of artistic co-production and audience engagement.
- Capacity building, an extensive training program comprising 22 workshops, seminars and conferences based on peer-to-peer learning in the fields of audience development, new arts' management methods, international cooperation, and inclusive cultural policy-making, allowing for partners, local cultural operators, artists, and researchers to expand their knowledge and increase their skills.
- Cultural policies, aiming to raise awareness on the particularities of the cultural policies' models of the peripheral South, while advocating for the social value of art and the importance of inclusive/participatory artistic practices in social cohesion.

Stronger Peripheries' program will be developed under 6 topics/discussion triggers, which reflect prevalent social and political challenges in the peripheral south:

Work and Happiness, Connecting Dots,
Daily Bread, Having a Voice, Bridging the Gap and Right to the Future. Each of these topics is to be interpreted locally, in all participating partners' countries, through new artistic productions created in *Tandem*, and artists/audiences' relations.

Stronger Peripheries will coproduce a total of 12 performances created by artists from 10 different countries. The coproduction of performances within Stronger Peripheries follows a specific collaboration methodology - that of *Tandems*. Each *Tandem* matches two organizations from two different countries (which do not commonly cooperate in international mobility) to coproduce a work by an artist, under the wide umbrella of a specific topic.

### B. The Partners

A Southern Coalition includes fourteen organizations and institutions ranging independent performing arts' organizations, theatres, residencies' spaces, networks, and universities from ten different Southern-European countries (Croatia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Spain):

ARTEMREDE (Portugal) | project leader

**Bunker** (Slovenia)

Cluj Cultural Center (Romania)

Consorci Transversal Xarxa d'Activitats

Culturals (Spain)

Fakultet dramskih umetnosti (Serbia)

ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (Portugal)

<u>L'arboreto – Teatro Dimora</u> <u>di Mondaino</u> (Italy)

Occitanie en Scène (France)

PCAI Awareness Raising (Greece)

Pergine Spettacolo Aperto (Italy)

Pogon (Croatia)

PRO Progressione Kulturalis (Hungary)

Teatro di Sardegna (Italy)

<u>Universitat de Barcelona</u> (Spain)

### C. Who are we looking for?

This open call is searching for an artist/ company resident in Portugal, who will work in Tandem with Artemrede / Municipalities of Alcobaça and Pombal, and Xarxa Transversal / CAM - Centre d'Arts en Moviment Roca Umbert and TAG - Teatre Auditori de Granollers in the production of a new creation under the topic "Having a Voice". The artist/company should be willing and interested in dialoguing with hosting communities, groups of local inhabitants in each of the partners' territories (15-20pax approximately) who shall engage in research and creative processes, in terms to be established between parties.

We are seeking to find contemporary artists who:

- reside in Portugal.
- work within the fields of the performing arts: dance, theatre, new circus, performance in urban/natural spaces, or any hybrid/transdisciplinary forms cutting across them;
- take an interest in participatory creative practices or methodologies;
- are willing to engage in/be influenced by specific local contexts;
- are committed to address the Tandem's topic "Having a Voice" (broadly understood);
- present an established body of work, albeit not yet internationally accomplished, meaning that the opportunity to have their work coproduced within "Stronger Peripheries" would decidedly leverage their international careers.

### D. Meet the Tandem's coproducers

ARTEMREDE (2005-) is a project of cultural cooperation currently gathering 18 members, including 17 Portuguese municipalities, that promotes the interaction between cities of different scales. ARTEMREDE focuses on the specificities of the territories through its support to artistic creation, network cultural programming, qualification, training, and design of strategies for cultural mediation. At the heart of its activities is the development of artistic projects holding local communities at their core, developed in the scope of national and international collaborations (namely within the Creative Europe programme).

ARTEMREDE's members, the Municipalities of Alcobaça and Pombal have joined the venture of coproducing the Tandem "Having a Voice". Alcobaça is located in Central Portugal, within the District of Leiria, and is home to 26.500 inhabitants. Its Municipal Theatre, Cine-Teatro de Alcobaça João d'Oliva Monteiro, will be hosting the Tandem's Workshop, as well as première. Managed by a team of four, the Theatre hosts an average of 22.000 spectators per year and relies on a yearly budget of 75.000€ that is mostly devoted to programming theatre, dance, and music performances, as well as cinema sessions (see technical rider here). Similarly located in the District of Leiria, Pombal smaller population counts a total of 18.000 inhabitants. Within the Tandem "Having a Voice", Pombal will be co-organizing the 1st research residency and the 2nd creative residency, welcoming artists in their recently inaugurated artistic residencies space, Casa Varela Centro de Experimentação Artística (see venue's details here).

The <u>Transversal Consortium Network</u> of <u>Cultural Activities</u> brings together 10 medium-sized cities in Catalonia: Figueres, Girona, Reus, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Mataró, Manresa, Vilanova i la Geltrú, Granollers, Tortosa and Olot, with the mission of working for the promotion and defense of culture, with the conviction that all the territory is equally generator and receiver of proposals.

The Network is a service to their municipalities. From cooperative work, productions are carried out in all areas of creation (performing arts, visual arts, popular culture, pedagogical projects, etc.) as well as the exchange of proposals between villages. The framework of Transversal facilitates the exchange of knowledge between cultural workers, politicians, and optimizes the human and material resources dedicated by towns to cultural services. The internationalization of cities participating in European projects is also promoted.

For the Tandem "Having a Voice",
Transversal has teamed up with <u>CAM</u> <u>Centre d'Arts en Moviment Roca Umbert</u>
(Centre for Moving Arts), and <u>TAG</u> - <u>Teatre</u>
<u>Auditori de Granollers</u>, hosting research
and creative residencies, as well as
performances.

CAM is a living cultural space at the service of creative processes, participative artistic training and dialogue between the arts, promoting cooperation within the emerging artistic fabric. The conceptual framework that marks the factory's dynamic is as follows:

 the creative process as an alternative to the finished production;

- the fusion and interrelation between disciplines as a creative tool;
- transversality between creator, public and institution;
- recovery of the historic memory and heritage of the textile factory.

CAM's mission is to support artistic projects that pursue a deep study of body language and movement, placing emphasis on the creative stages of development, with the objective of aiding creation at a local and national level, whilst generating interdisciplinary contemporary creative dialogues within the factory. CAM's aim is to establish synergies and collaborations with the different centres and institutions, so as to motivate exchange and the diffusion of artistic projects. See CAM's technical rider here.

Teatre Auditori de Granollers (TAG) is a performing arts venue, publicly funded by the local administration. It develops a live arts season through a wide, diverse, and quality range of performances and activities. Its purpose is to help create a rooted cultural project shared by artists and audiences that will place culture at the center. Through its artistic programme it wants to expand experiences, knowledge, and provide tools for reflection, critical thinking, creativity, and imagination.

TAG is a space open to all audiences, committed to its territory. It provides an education program, as well as community-based projects. Its classical music program is ambitious and co-produces over 10 concerts a year with the residents: Chamber Orchestra from Granollers (OCGr) and three choirs, VEUS- Cor Infantil Amics de la Unió, Cor Jove, and Cor de Cambra Amics de la Unió.

In 2022, TAG celebrates its 20th anniversary and although it is a consolidated project, its mission is to be a fully accessible institution, responding to new social needs and being an active agent in social transformation through and with the artistic community. See TAG's technical rider here.

### E. What's in it for you?

As a coproduced artist/company, you will be offered favorable conditions to create and delve into a thought-provoking topic, while relating closely to local communities and contexts. You will get to experiment new participatory methodologies, accompanied by a diverse group of local inhabitants that you will engage in your research and creative processes in ways to be defined. Your work will be presented in both Portugal and Spain, reaching wider, international audiences. You will also benefit from extended support from Stronger Peripheries partners' expertise and networks, as well as build possible new opportunities for transnational collaboration and European mobility.

Among all the applicants, the 20 highest scored artists/companies will furthermore be selected to enhance their work's dissemination through Stronger Peripheries website, which is expected to gather an impacting sum of international visitors throughout the project's four years of implementation and beyond.

# F. Application, selection, and production processes

### #1 Application and selection process

### STEP 1: OPEN CALL

- DATES:
- Open call launch: 09/02/2022 (Wednesday).
- Application deadline: 04/03/2022 (Friday), 19:00 (GMT+0).
- Shortlisting announcement via email:
   19/04/2022 (Tuesday).
- HOW TO APPLY:
- Applicants should fill in the form available at the following link: app.strongerperipheries.eu, and submit an artistic portfolio and a link to a video that is representative of their artistic work.
- Due to the international profile
   of the jury, applications must be
   submitted in English (including all
   complementary material).
- No entry or administration fee is required to submit an application.
- Only one application per artist/ company is accepted.
- The person filling out the application form is assumed to be the main contact person.

### — OUTCOMES:

- Five (5) shortlisted artists/companies will be invited to participate in a "Tandem Workshop".
  - Twenty (20) portfolios including

artist statements, portrait pictures, link to website and video (if wished), as provided in the application - will be selected for promotion at Stronger Peripheries' website (including those of the 5 shortlisted artists).

### STEP 2: TANDEM WORKSHOP

### — WHAT HAPPENS?

- Five (5) shortlisted artists/companies will get to enlarge their networking opportunities by getting to know and meeting the partners of the Southern Coalition throughout a 4-day workshop, taking place at Cine-Teatro de Alcobaça João d'Oliva Monteiro, from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th of May 2022. Only 1 artist/person per company can participate at the Workshop.
- The 5 shortlisted artists/companies will present themselves and their work in an "artist talk" (1h - 1h30 approx.), for which each of them receives a 250€ fee.

NOTE: Artemrede furthermore supports shortlisted artists' (1 pax) local travel expenses - up to a reasonable amount to be agreed among parties -, accommodation (3 nights), and meals (3,5 days) for participation in the Tandem Workshop.

 The Tandem topic, "Having a Voice", and the local performance arts' scene will be explored through lectures and joint reflection sessions, with the support of invited experts and facilitators.

- The partners will offer consultancy on artists' international networking opportunities in one-to-one
   "Connecting Dots labs".
- The artists collaborate with the project's research on capacitybuilding needs for the cultural and creative sector, by participating in a 1h30 group interview guided by Stronger Peripheries' research partners.

### OUTCOME:

 Final selection of one (1) artist/ company that is to be coproduced within the Tandem.

### **#2 Artistic production process**

### STEP 1: RESEARCH

#### — WHAT HAPPENS?

 Two research residencies: first at Artemrede / Municipality of Pombal - Casa Varela, Portugal (15 days, February 2023) + second in Transversal / CAM or TAG, Granollers, Spain (14 days, February/March 2023).

### — OUTCOME:

- After the first research residency, and while having already established the first contacts with local inhabitants throughout its development, the artist/company specifies the profile(s) of "Hosting Communities" they would like to work with.
- After the second research residency, the artist/company presents a project idea and a production budget proposal, as well as a production

work plan (see "I. Financial conditions", page 10).

#### STEP 2: CREATION

- WHAT HAPPENS?
- Two creative residences: first at Transversal / CAM or TAG, Granollers, Spain (13 days, March 2023) + second at Artemrede / Municipality of Pombal - Casa Varela, Portugal (14 days, April 2023).
- OUTCOME:
- Finalized artistic production

All residencies are closely accompanied by a "Hosting Community", a group of up to 20 local people who will be engaged throughout the process by means to be decided among parties, according to artists' proposals. The involvement of the "Hosting Community" may include community dinners, open rehearsals, shared activities, participation in the performance, among others.

The participation of "Hosting Communities" in research and creative processes will be followed and analysed by Stronger Peripheries' research partners, concurring to the assessment of participation practices, one of the outputs of the project.

### **#3 Performances**

- WHAT HAPPENS?
- Première in May 2023 at Cine-Teatro de Alcobaça João d'Oliva Monteiro, Alcobaça, Portugal (up to x3 performances).
- Presentation at TAG Teatre Auditori de Granollers, Spain, in May 2023 (up to x2 performances).

 Possible touring amid the network's partners, until the conclusion of the project (up to x3 additional performances until November 2024, subject to extra fee payment).

### G. Assessment criteria

Applications will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

# Artists' body of work

Balance: 40%

- The body of work's robustness/ degree of experience
- Artistic quality: innovation/relevance/ perceived interest
- Merit/adequacy of artistic team's profile

### Artistic profile suitability to the project's framework

Balance: 50%

- Experience/motivation for participatory artistic practices
- Experience/motivation for local contexts-inspired artistic practices
- Transnational mobility as presenting an added value to the development of the artistic career
- Motivation to work on the Tandem's topic
- Artistic field correspondence

### — Engagement/Commitment

Balance: 10%

 Perception of commitment to the application/clarity/degree of contents' development

#### **DISCLAIMERS**

- Shall the selected artist/company withdraw from pursuing the coproduction, the partners involved ought to be notified within two weeks of the final selection notice, in order to summon the next eligible runner-up.
- Participation in Tandem workshops, research, and creative residencies, as well as performances, is obligatory. Should an applicant be unable to attend one or more of these occasions (see point H. Timeline) for whatever reason for which he/she is responsible, Stronger Peripheries reserves the right to revoke their invitation, and to designate a runner-up instead.
- Given that Stronger Peripheries: A Southern Coalition is an international cooperation project, all applicants should be mindful that the production and creative process must be led in English.

Find a schematic layout of the Tandem's process of selection, production, and performances' presentation in the following page.

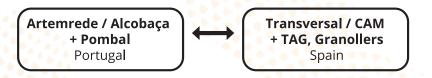
### H. Timeline



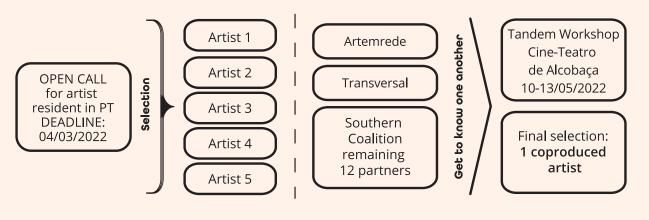
NOTE: the performance should remain available for touring within the Southern Coalition network's partners between June 2023 and November 2024.

\*\* Venue to ascertain depending on the project's features. If at TAG, "Salla Oberta" or "Llevant Teatre" is the space that is to be provided (see TAG's technical rider for details).

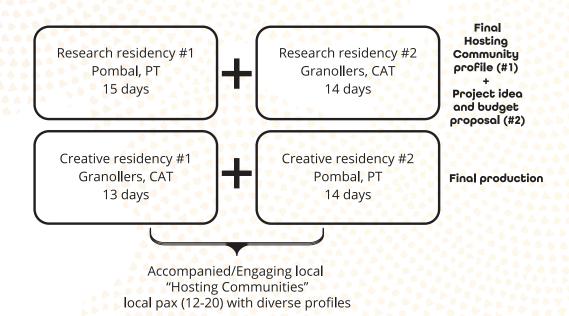
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# #1 SELECTION PROCESS | 02/2022 > 05/2022



### #2 PRODUCTION PROCESS | 02/2023 > 05/2023



### #3 PERFORMANCES | 05/2023



### I. Financial conditions

The selected artist will be offered a **coproduction fee of 37.000€ gross** as a lump sum. All expenses shall be managed directly by the artist/company, unless otherwise agreed.

### The coproduction fee encompasses:

- All costs undertaken during research and creative residencies, as well as performances, including artistic fees (creatives, performers, technical and production team); artistic production costs, purchases, set transportation (if needed), and logistics expenses (international and local travel, accommodation and subsistence costs\*);
- A minimum of 2 performances (1 per coproducer) up to 5 performances (3 for Artemrede / Alcobaça Municipality + 2 for Transversal / TAG) in case of limited capacity. Additional performances may be required for projects demanding very reduced numbers of audiences (to be discussed among partners, according to the principle of good faith);
- Translation of theatrical texts (if required), as well as assuring surtitling operation for performances presented in Spain;

\* see reference costs in the following page for an estimate

Upon conclusion of the two research residencies, the artist/company undertakes to submit a preliminary budget proposal and production plan, to convey the project's scale. The budget should include execution milestones and follow the country's usual applicable fees and procurement practices, reveal adequacy to its needs, fairness and balance.

### Coproducers will furthermore provide:

- Infrastructure appropriate creation space and presentation venue;
- Human and technical resources needed for the artistic production's development and presentation (to be agreed upon, according to the principle of reasonableness).

### Coproduction installments

The coproduction budget will be made available in three instalments.

### **INSTALMENT #1**

After selection notice and upon signature of the contract, covering expenses to be undertaken in research residencies: approx. 40%.

### **INSTALMENT #2**

Before the 1st creative residency, upon submission of the project's budget and production plan, covering part of the artistic fees and production costs, and expenses to be undertaken in creative residencies: approx. 50%.

### **INSTALMENT #3**

After the last presentation (balance): approx. 10%.

Artists are free to complement their budgets with additional financing sources, provided this endeavor is discussed beforehand with both coproducers to avoid conflicts of interest. Stronger Peripheries encourages and endorses additional fundraising as a crucial part of structuring creative work, and will offer support the artist/company to the best of coproducers' knowledge and abilities.

The particulars of the Tandem coproduction conditions will be outlined in a separate contract with each of the coproducers involved, to be initiated before the 1<sup>st</sup> research residency, complemented with an addendum containing the project's preliminary budget proposal and production plan after the 2<sup>nd</sup> research residency, and concluded prior to the première, including the performance's technical rider.

# Reference of costs for budget management

Please bear in mind that these references/ estimates may vary in time. This list merely intends to provide an approximate overview of your expenses within coproducers' countries:

### TRAVEL COSTS

 Lisbon > Barcelona\* = 150€ [estimate, return flight + local transportation. TAP Air Portugal and Vueling offer regular direct flights]

\*reference airport when travelling to Granollers

[note that you are expected to travel to Granollers a total of x2 times for research and creative residencies, as well as performances]

### ACCOMMODATION COSTS

- Pombal ± 40€/pax/night (single room in 3\* Hotel) Note: accommodation in Pombal can be offered by Casa Varela, free of costs, for up to 6pax (x2 bunk beds in x1 room, shared toilets, and access to small kitchen where light meals can be prepared).
- Granollers ± 60 to 65€/pax/night (single/double room in 3\* Hotel) or ± 30-50€/pax/night (private houses or Airbnb)
  - Note: accommodation in Granollers can be offered by CAM, free of costs, for up to 8pax (x2 bunk beds in x2 rooms, shared toilets, and access to small kitchen where light meals can be prepared).
- Alcobaça ± 25-45€/pax/night (single room in local Pension/Hostel or 3\* Hotel)

#### SUBSISTENCE COSTS

- Pombal/Alcobaça ± 25€/pax/day
   (standard perdiem in Portugal) or ± 60€/ pax/week if home-cooking
- Granollers ± 28€/pax/day (standard perdiem in Catalonia) or ± 70€/pax/ week if home-cooking

### J. Jury

Applicants will be selected at the sole discretion of **Stronger Peripheries: A Southern Coalition's** partners, led by Artemrede / Municipalities of Alcobaça and Pombal, and Transversal / CAM - Centre d'Arts en Moviment Roca Umbert and TAG - Teatre Auditori de Granollers, whose decision is sovereign.

The jury's selection decision is final.

Any recourse to courts of law is excluded.

### K. Promotion and Copyrights

Stronger Peripheries: A Southern Coalition will consider the submitted application materials on the condition that the selected applicant irrevocably agrees that:

- a) Their name/s, portrait picture, short presentation, and link to promotional video may be published on the Stronger Peripheries' website and social media, and those of its partners.
- **b)** The artists hold the sole copyright to and/or have secured the consent of any other copyright owner on any given text, excerpt, or portfolio image submitted, as per all applicable national and international regulations. They guarantee that the rights of no third parties would be violated in the (re-) publication of any submitted text or portfolio material. The applicant unconditionally and irrevocably declares their copyright responsibility and liability toward third parties for any possible disputes over copyright violations and fully indemnify ARTEMREDE, as the legal entity responsible for Stronger Peripheries, against all third-party claims arising thereof.
- c) In submitting your application, you grant consent to and license ARTEMREDE, as the legal entity responsible for Stronger Peripheries, to use your name, text, artwork, or design, and rightfully credited representations of your text, artwork, or design in any media related to the project, anywhere in the world for artistic, promotional, and documentary purposes, without monetary compensation.

### L. Contact

For further inquiries, feel free to reach us at artemrede@strongerperipheries.eu.

# [ APPLICATION FORM OVERVIEW ]

[ to be submitted online at: app.strongerperipheries.eu ]

### 1. PERSONAL/COMPANY DETAILS

- Name (first and last names)
- Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
- Name of the organization/company/ collective and/or name of the other group member(s)/co-authors (if applicable)
- Year of organization/company/ collective's foundation/beginning of professional artistic career
- Citizenship
- Country of residence
- Portrait picture/company's picture (vertical format preferred)
- Address
- Phone number
- E-mail
- Website
- Social media platforms

### 2. ARTISTIC WORK

- 2.1 Choose the artistic field your work most closely relates to:
  (checkboxes only one choice allowed)
- Dance
- Theatre
- New circus
- Performance in urban/natural spaces
- Hybrid/transdisciplinary

If hybrid/transdisciplinary, combining what fields? *(max. 200 characters)* 

- **2.2** Have you had previous experience:
- Creating abroad, as a creator/artistic director (Yes/No)
  - If yes, where?
     recommended format of response:
     date/country/organization
- Touring abroad, as a creator/artistic director (Yes/No)
  - If yes, where?
     recommended format of response:
     date/country/organization)
- 2.3 Usual target audiences
- Children (3-12)
- Youth (13-25)
- Adults (26-65)
- Senior (>65)
- All
- Other (detail)
- 2.4 Presentation/biography/artist statement, including a brief description of your main motivations when creating, as well as an overview of your international career (when applicable). (max. 5.000 characters)
- 2.5 Has your work previously entailed participatory practices? (Yes/No)
  - If you replied "Yes" to the previous question:

- How has it been developed?
   (describe your participatory artistic processes and non-artist persons involved eg. specific groups such as youngsters, disconnected, or disadvantaged persons providing examples, and debating in what ways you assess these practices to have impacted your work.) (max 5.000 characters)
  - If you replied "No" to the previous question:
- In what ways do you foresee your creative work to be permeable to participatory practices? (max 3.500 characters)
- **2.6** Has your work previously involved local contexts-inspired practices? (Yes/No)
  - If you replied "Yes" to the previous question:
- How has it been developed?
   (describe your artistic process considering how it is influenced/ nourished by specific contexts, providing examples and briefly presenting a particular case) (max. 3.500 characters)
  - If you replied "No" to the previous question:
- In what ways do you foresee your creative work to be sensible to/ affected by local contexts? (max 3.500 characters)

### 2.7 Portfolio

- Submit your portfolio including:
  - Professional profile and career (timeline of productions' performance, and venues/ hosting partners; other pertinent information)
  - Brief documentation on previous productions that you consider relevant to the end of this call, containing: synopsis, credits, target audiences, photos, links to full-length videos (preferred, whenever existing), and/or video teasers. Remember to enable access to full-length videos whenever needed.
  - Artists' biographical notes.

Note that all content should be written in English.

Supported formats: .pdf (preferential) or .doc. The document should be named as follows: Name of artist or Company\_COUNTRY. Maximum document size: 8 MB. You may merge different .pdfs into one, as long as you make sure the maximum size of the document is not exceeded.

Provide a link to a freely accessible promotional video or a teaser to a specific production you deem relevant/telling of your work.
 Preferred platforms: Youtube or Vimeo.
 Optimal length: max. 3min.

### 3. MOTIVATION

- 3.1 How do you feel a transnational mobility experience, as provided within the current application, could benefit your artistic career? (max. 2.500 characters)
- 3.2 What does "Having a Voice" mean to you? How do you see your artistic work may relate to the Tandem's topic and why might that be relevant (if you deem it to be the case)? Bearing in mind the topic at hand, is there any specific profile of persons you envision engaging in your creative process? (max. 5.000 characters)

### **DISCLAIMERS**

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Thank you for your attention.

We're looking forward to receiving your application!

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