

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

Context and overall objectives

The Creative Europe Desks Estonia is the national representative in the network of Creative Europe Programme desks. The main goal of Desk Estonia is to stimulate cross-border cooperation (both production/creation and professional mobility) between creative sector players through the possibilities of the Creative Europe Programme; share information about other EU funding initiatives and advise applicants about the Creative Europe programme calls on a national level. The aim is to help find partners both nationally and abroad, assist and mentor in developing project ideas (including cross-cutting issues like environment and inclusiveness), find innovative ways to cooperate with different policy areas), share best practices, communicate and disseminate the programme results both in Estonia and amongst European partners.

Work performed and main achievements

There were 13 trainings organised by Culture Desk in 2023 and 2024 (planned 10), including two international Bootcamps (planned 1) helping to develop and pitch cooperation projects; 13 infodays that were some combined with trainings for CE Culture cooperation calls and literary translations both online, in Tallinn and among local smaller communities in Estonia. For Culture Desk organised events there were all together 684 carefully targeted participants of which 239 men and 445 women.

MEDIA Desk organised events there were all together 1173 participants (including film industry events) of which women 684 and 489 men. All together there were 2 infodays and 5 international cooperation events and 2 trainings.

The Coordinator, Ministry of Culture held 2 policy events and discussions regarding EcoC initiative among European partners, Creative Europe Programme and international cultural cooperation among the sector.

In addition there were information sessions either among desks (including also those organised by Commission) or in conferences /international events where mainly information was disseminated and shared about new calls, criteria and conditions.

All regular planned activities were carried out, in addition more attention was given to cross-policy issues and cross-cutting issues at policy level as there are ongoing evaluation processes of evaluation of the CE programme. In 2024 a comprehensive policy consultations and discussions were carried out about Creative Europe, Ecoc initiative and cross-border cultural cooperation.

Results and impacts

Estonian Creative Europe Desks have carried out several meetings, consultations and information sharing through info days, trainings, website, social media and regular newsletters.