

Voices

a Parade of Cultures



Animation of a collage of cultural expressions on translucent films on the south facade of the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Voices is a multicultural participation project initiated by Cult Foundation Amsterdam. Cult Foundation promotes and stimulates projects of art in public space all over Europe. For 2026 schools and local communities are invited to visualize their cultures by making a panel, quilt or flag. In this document a step by step instruction how to start, make and submit. And how we expose your work.



Have a lot of working pleasure!

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Introduction

a Parade of Cultures is a project that promotes diversity and inclusivity in European cultures.

With this goal schools and communities are invited to create an image and short video report about their local culture or passion.

Each work represents a region, dialect or a local culture, a voice of Europe. A huge patchwork of 720 works – symbolizing the number of seats in the Union – will be collected into a collage: every cultural form, every artistic craft, every art finds its place here. This collage is made available to the European institutions.

Participants are challenged to create a work using local crafts, skills and materials.

Also short videos of the artworks have to be recorded with the *work in progress* of the panels, quilts, flags and canvasses. A selection, showing the strong traditions and innovations of the young generation of all the regions of Europe, will be compiled into the documentary “Voices, from all over Europe” to be shown in cultural cinemas and online.

In this document we invite you participate.

Europe is becoming increasingly important. A large part of our legislation is now determined at the European level. As the direct representative of the people in the European Union, the European Parliament plays a decisive role. Since the Treaty of Lisbon entered into force in 2009, the legislative powers of the European Parliament have been significantly expanded.

“Voices” is a statement that European cultural values can flourish together.

Secretary General of the Council of Europe about Voices:

“.. we wish you every success with your project...”

Strasbourg, 22 oct 2025

Invitation

Let your **Voices** be heard

You are invited to participate in the project by making a panel, a canvas, quilt or flag and visualize your culture. You don't have to be an artist and may choose to create a panel individually or together with your friends or colleagues. That choice, like virtually everything else involved in making your panel, is completely up to you.

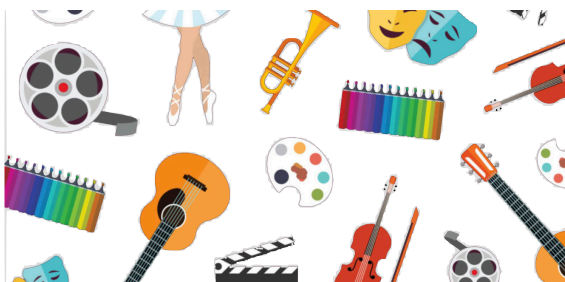
Here is how to create a work for **Voices**:

Step by Step Instructions

1. Choose your theme

Choose your cultural theme: What is your fascination or part of your local traditions, nature or climate. What is typical for your culture, in your region. This may vary from local traditional arts and crafts, to community work or urban cultures like dance, music, theatre performance or creative battles.

If you want to look for examples visit www.cultfoundation.com/voices



2. The scale of the work

Choose the size of your work. We ask you to make a horizontal, two dimensional work on ratio 16:9, so a landscape format. For example a panel of 80 x 45 cm or a quilt or flag of 160 x 90 cm - width x height -



scale example

3. Your creation

Your panel or fabric is the base for any application. This base can be a board, a canvas on a wooden frame or a textile fabric like a flag. Sketch your idea, use pencils or brushes, color it with paint, paper or fabrics. It doesn't matter if you use paint or fine needlework, iron-on transfers or hand made appliques, or even spray paint on a sheet; any creative input is appropriate. By making your creation you might want to use some of the following techniques:

- **Base and applique:** Make a painting frame with canvas or sew fabric
- **Paint:** Brush, spray or use ink pens
- **Stencils:** Trace your design onto the panel
- **Collage:** Add photo's, drawings or colored paper

Feel free to include additional texts in your own dialect such as theme, region, etc. Political texts cannot be submitted.



example

4. Scan or photograph your creation

Submit a good photo or scan of your creation.



example

Submit your file at the [dropbox upload link](#) Submission Voices

Your scan or photo - like TIFF or JPEG - is 150 DPI or max 300 DPI.

5. Exhibit your work and make a group photo

Once your work is completed expose it - for example at the central hall of your own school or community building - and make a group photo with the creators.



example

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6. Make a short video

Make a short video about your culture, your theme or *..the making of...*
This video, filmed with your mobile horizontal, can be up to 60 seconds long and has a good resolution - 1080p or higher, 24 fps -




example

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7. Finally, send us your submission form

On the last page of this document you'll find a submission form. Give your creation a title, mention your theme and complete the form. Give a short explanation on your theme, work or local culture. This provides us with information for exhibitions and presentations. **Send the completed form to voices@cultfoundation.com or add it to the upload link.**

SUBMISSION FORM



Title of your work

Theme

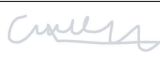
Name / your group / school / or community


Your e-mail address

Place / region / country

☒ I agree to the Property and Usage Conditions as outlined in the Voices Manual. These terms ensure that participants retain ownership of their creations and enable Cult Foundation to share, present and celebrate their work throughout Europe.

Background and explanation of your theme and work



 26/04/26

Signed **Name and Date**

Email this completed form to voices@cultfoundation.com

After your submission

When a new submission is received at our office in Amsterdam, according to the instruction above, it will be filed for Voices. After a post-production the submissions are sorted by region, theme or appearance. Finally they are stitched, printed or projected as collage or gallery suited to the exhibition places.

The audiovisuals are due to digital organization (voice-overs, transcriptions), rough editing (assembly edit), fine-cut editing (fine cut), sound design & mixing (music, effects, voice-overs), color correction & grading, adding graphics & animations, and finally non-profit distribution.



Property and Usage Conditions

To provide clarity to all creators and participating organizations, the following terms apply to all submitted work. Participants retain full ownership of their original physical works, including panels, quilts, flags, and any related artistic concepts. By submitting photographs, scans, videos, or written materials, participants grant the Cult Foundation a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, adapt, publish, exhibit and distribute these digital materials for all non-profit purposes connected to the Voices project. This includes printed exhibitions, digital galleries, educational publications, press kits, social media communication, and documentary films related to Voices.

Creators guarantee that their submitted material does not infringe on the rights of others and that all persons featured in photos or videos have given permission for public, non-commercial use. The Cult Foundation will credit creators and participating organizations whenever reasonably possible in exhibitions, publications and screenings. Submitted digital files may be edited for technical, curatorial or narrative reasons, while ensuring respect for the integrity of the original work.

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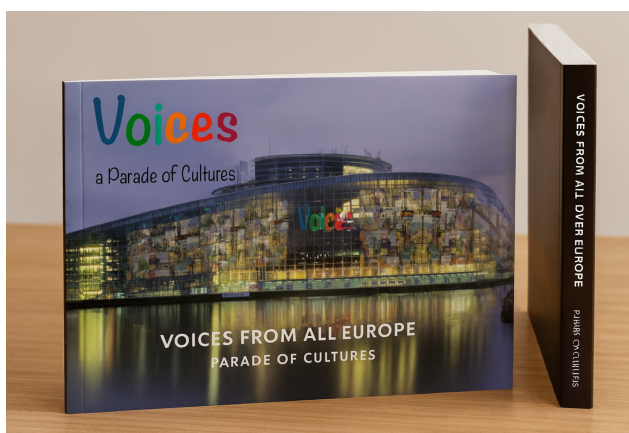
How your work spreads across Europe



Exhibitions will be initiated at Strasbourg and Brussels



The largest intended work is a collage of 720 prints coloring facades of the headquarters of the EU



Photo's of all projects collected in a booklet to be provided to the participants



Video's assembled in the documentary **Voices, from all over Europe a Parade of Cultures**

Amsterdam, February 2026

Dear Participants and Sponsors,

The Voices project is an initiative that is gaining increasing support and is growing thanks to the growing number of diverse submissions. The project explores the wide variety of cultural forms and expressions that Europe has to offer. As the collection grows, opportunities for exhibitions and publications are also being further developed. Participants will be kept up to date by communication on exhibitions, publications and screenings. The Cult Foundation will credit creators and participating organizations whenever reasonably possible in exhibitions, publications and screenings. Most creative and innovative expressions will be rewarded with Prizes & Praises - i.e.w. Cultural Heritage in Action -.

If you have exhibition opportunities, suggestions, remarks or questions do not hesitate to contact us and mail us at voices@cultfoundation.com or info@cultfoundation.com

Thanks for participating in

The word "Voices" is written in a large, stylized font. Each letter is a different color: 'V' is blue, 'o' is green, 'i' is orange, 'c' is red, 'e' is purple, and 's' is pink.

and thanks for being a part of

a Parade of Cultures

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Leta Spooren".

Ms. Leta Spooren
Chair Cult Foundation
Amsterdam
The Netherlands

The logo for the Cult Foundation, featuring the word "cult" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with the word "foundation" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font above it.

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If your community or organization is able, you can donate to help pay for the cost of the project of Voices.

The CULT Foundation depends on support of makers and exhibitors realize Voices.

Gifts of any amount are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Your contribution can be transferred to:

Stichting Cult Foundation bank. IBAN NL 93 SWNB 1377 865 118 in the name of "Project Voices"
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