

Call for Participants

ROOTS & ROUTES goes Baltrum 2024

With this call we would like to introduce you to the international exchange project ROOTS & ROUTES goes Baltrum 2024

When?

Preparation meeting

(1-2 participants per country)

Arrival day: September 27th, 2024

Departure day: September 29th, 2024

International residence

(5 participants + 1 group leader per country)

Arrival day: November 6th, 2024

Departure day: November 22nd, 2024

Where? on the Island [Baltrum](#) and [Cologne](#) / Germany

Who? 35 Media Artists, Dancers and Musicians age 18 to 26 years, with some experience in their art, and the ability to communicate in English

How much? No participation fee is charged.

What's included? Travel from the city of your sending organisation to the exchange, full accommodation (3 meals per day + water) and all project costs.



What is the project about?

The project is an international exchange focussing on artistic approaches to a specific theme. These Topics will be developed by some of the participants (1-2 people per country) during an international preparation meeting in September in Cologne.

During the exchange in November, around 35 young artists will work and live together on the northern island of Baltrum. During the 17-day exchange (including arrival and departure day), the group will create various types of media art, short films, documentaries, music videos, audio recordings and photos related to the theme in a 72-hour period. These productions will then be presented in Cologne and perhaps also on Baltrum.

In addition to the 72-hour production phase and the exploration of the topic, there will be workshops in the individual artistic disciplines (music, dance, media) as well as cross-disciplinary Sessions. There will be time to talk about the topic, of course, time to exchange ideas with others and get to know each other.

To get a better impression of the project and the island, we recommend you watch a documentary about a Baltrum project of 2022 which you can find [here](#) (of course the Topic we will deal with this year will be different)

Project Host:

ROOTS & ROUTES Cologne e. V., Cologne / Germany – www.rrcgn.de

Partnerorganisations:

Empreinte / France

Blues Derneği / Turkey

Centro di Creazione e Cultura / Italy

Synergy of Music Theatre / Greece

KITKC Kaunas / Lithuania

What is ROOTS & ROUTES?

ROOTS & ROUTES is an international network promoting cultural diversity and young artists all over Europe. We have been organising projects in 15+ countries since 2004.

www.rootsnroutes.eu



Where and how will the project happen?



The day after your arrival in Cologne (you will sleep the first night in Cologne at [Weltempfänger hostel](#)) a group bus and a ferry will take us to the small but beautiful North-sea island Baltrum, which is located just a few kilometres off the German coast. It has lots of dunes and sandy beaches, and no cars and no nightlife.

The project will mostly happen at [BK-Heim Baltrum](#). Only the west half of Baltrum is populated, east half is a nature reserve. BK-Heim is right in the middle. It was built in 1929 and offers basic comfort level. Most of the time there's WiFi, but it's not 100% reliable.

Our accomodation is self-contained – that means: We will cook our own food and take care of the house. Three meals per day (mostly vegetarian and vegan food).

Everybody in the group will have a day of housecleaning service and two days of kitchen service. There, people will wash dishes, peel potatoes etc. Good and loud music during kitchen service will be provided :-)

At the end of the travel, ferry and bus will take us back to Cologne. In our final two nights, we will sleep at Weltempfänger hostel again, and have our final presentation at the [iJuLa-Room](#) in Cologne.

Typical Daily Schedule (times may vary)

09:00	Breakfast
10:15	Warm up, morning plenary, start to work
13:30	Lunch, Lunch break
16:00	Working Session II
17:30	Fruit break
17:45	Working session III
20:00	Dinner
21:30	Evening program or free evening

There will be a free morning, but no fully free days

Artistic Freedom, Safer Space & Group Rules

This project is a collective effort. We aim for as much artistic freedom as possible, respecting all participants and the vital needs of host organisation RRCGN.

Our understanding of artistic freedom excludes discriminatory content. Even if your aim is to fight discrimination, please avoid repeating discriminatory stereotypes.

Here are the group rules which apply for all of us – participants, coaches and crew:

1. Show mutual respect. Know your limits and respect the limits of others. Respect others' rooms and property. Treat the workshop equipment with utmost care.
2. This project should be a safer space; without consent, personal experiences shared during discussions/working phases should not be shared with external people. Before posting pics/vids of other participants on social media, ask for their approval.
3. Help each other! There will be lots of artistic work to do, and lots of other work (like carrying music equipment from one room to the other). Let's get it done together.
4. Be on time for program activities and meals, and for your kitchen and cleaning service; don't make people wait.
5. Everyone has a right to sleep at night. After 1:00 a.m., all non-sleeping activities should be quiet enough so that people who want to sleep can sleep.
6. Be fit for work in the morning. No excuses – except for serious diseases; then you should go see a doctor.
7. Alcohol: Know your limit. Look after each other. No alcohol before dinner.
8. No smoking inside the buildings. No weapons (including knives) and no illegal drugs in and around the hostel nor around BK-Heim Baltrum.
9. Don't cross the fences on Baltrum, don't walk on the dunes around the house. This is important to keep the dune vegetation intact. Respect the nature reserve and its rules.
10. Do not go swimming at night. The water will be very, very cold in winter and the rapid changes between high and low tide (also during the day) can be very dangerous.
11. Trash has to be separated for recycling. We will explain the details on Baltrum.
12. Respect the hygienic measures.





Copyright and Ownership

You will hold shared ownership of all artistic creations that you are involved in, and all documentary photos / videos showing you or created by you at the exchange. You will give permanent non-exclusive usage rights to host RRCGN, the project partners and the funders.

You will wait for at least 14 days after host RRCGN has published the main artistic results of the project before you publish them on your own channels. You are of course invited to share those results once published on RRCGN's channels and pages.

After those 14 days you can use and publish that content freely – provided that the other artists involved agree; and that you credit them, as well as the project partners and the funders.



Food, Bedrooms, Accessibility

- You will sleep in rooms with 3 to 6 beds, possibly mixed internationally, possibly mixed by gender. If you want to be in a gender-separated bedroom or have other room requirements, please contact the host organisation before the exchange.
- Sheets and blankets are provided; but no towels, no shampoo, no shower soap, no hair dryers. There is a washing machine that can be used for 5 € (including dryer).
- All toilets will be all-gender toilets.
- Accessibility of our working rooms in Baltrum and the hostel in Cologne are unfortunately not ideal for wheelchairs; some rooms being upstairs. As Baltrum is a car-free island, we will also have to walk from the harbour to the BK-Heim (approx. 30 minutes).
- You will get at least three meals per day which will be cooked by us as a group, plus drinking water, and in the morning tea and coffee.
- We will provide mostly vegetarian and vegan food and take care of extra requirements like allergies etc.; we cannot guarantee food which is strictly halal or kosher. If you eat meat rather seldom (flexitarian), we recommend you sign up as “vegetarian”, because otherwise there may be no vegetarian dish for you.



Contact

Your main contact for project before the actual exchange is your **local sending organisation**:

Synergy of Music Theatre, email: info@smouth.com, tel: +30 2410 531778

If you want to contact the host organisation ROOTS & ROUTES Cologne e. V. directly:

e-mail: janna@rrcgn.de

phone: +49 221 9549 1761 (Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 18:00)

Funders

The ROOTS & ROUTES goes Baltrum 2024 is funded by the EU programme Erasmus+ Youth in Action and by the City of Cologne.



Sign up

I have read and understood the above information. I want to participate in this project. In case I will be selected for participation, I agree to act responsible for the group and for the project as a whole. I agree to accept the rules and the schedule of the project.

I agree to the ownership/copyright and artistic freedom framework described above. I agree that my personal data will be processed by sending and host organisation, using Google Workspace; and will be partially shared with the project funders. I agree that all participants, coaches and crew members will receive a list with my contact details.

All confirmed participants will receive later a detailed fact sheet with travel information, a what-to-bring list and more details.

To sign up for this project please express your interest by contacting SMouTh at the above email or tel!

place and date

full name (capital letters)

signature

In case you are younger than 18:

place and date

**full name (capital letters) and signature of
parents/legal guardians**