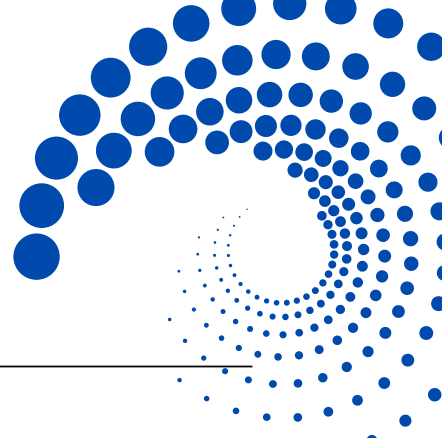


Call for Participants

Baltrum Exchange 2025



With this call, we would like to introduce to you our international exchange project on the North-Sea island Baltrum in November 2025

Where? on Baltrum and in Cologne / Germany

When? November 8th to 24th, 2025

Who? Media Artists, Dancers, Musicians and Actors aged 18 to 26 years (exceptions up to 30 years may be possible) 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.

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



What is the project about?

The project is an international exchange focusing on artistic approaches to a common topic. To find this topic, there will be an online meeting on Oct. 2nd, 17:00 CEST for all participants who want to join.

During the exchange different kinds of media art, short movies, documentaries, music videos, audio recordings and photos will be created. We will also have some workshops in the artistic disciplines music, media and movement (no dedicated acting workshops).

The productions will connect ideas and concerns of everybody involved, and should link to the common topic. The project is a collective project. Collective creation will have precedence over solo projects.

Project Host:

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

Baltrum25 Partners:

La Zentralita and Confetti Studio / Spain
Empreinte Lille / France
Synergy of Music Theatre / Greece
Blues Derneği / Türkiye
CCC / Italy



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 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 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, some vegetarian, some with meat, always with vegan options.

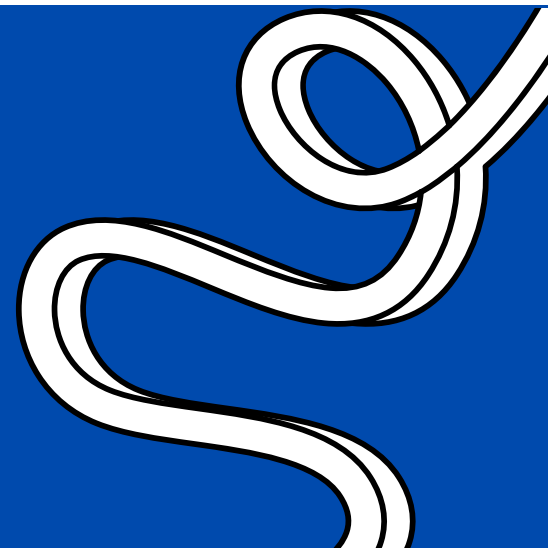
Everybody in the group will have a day of housecleaning service and two days of kitchen service. There, people will wash dishes, peel potatoes etc. Good and loud music during kitchen service will be provided :-)

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 ROOTS & ROUTES Space in Cologne.

Typical Daily Schedule (times may vary)

- 08:30 Breakfast
- 09:30 Warm up, morning plenary, start to work
- 13:00 Lunch – Lunch break
- 15:00 Work continues
- 17:30 Fruit break
- 17:45 Working session or input
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Evening program or free evening

There will be one or two free mornings, 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. No means no! 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 service; don't make people wait.
5. Everybody has a right to sleep at night. After 1:00, please move all non-sleep activities to the group room upstairs (limited loudness in there, too).
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 (nor Marihuana, which is half-legal in Germany) in and around the house, the hostel and the presentation venue.
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. Trash has to be separated. We will explain the details on Baltrum.
11. Respect the hygienic measures.

Violating these rules will have consequences; these can include being sent home on own costs.



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, blankets and towels are provided; but no shampoo, no shower soap, no hair dryers. There is a washing machine that can be used for a little fee.
- We will have all-gender toilets available at least during the Baltrum days.
- Accessibility of our working rooms in Baltrum and the hostel in Cologne are unfortunately not ideal for wheel chairs; some rooms being upstairs.
- You will get at least three meals per day, plus drinking water, and in the morning tea and coffee.
- We can provide vegetarian and vegan food and take care of extra requirements like allergies, not eating pork etc.; we cannot guarantee food which is strictly halal or kosher. If you eat meat rather seldom (flexitarian), we recommend to choose “vegetarian”; cause else, 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 2411 812432

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

e-mail: info@rrcgn.de

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

Funders

The Baltrum Exchange 2025 is funded by the EU programme Erasmus+ Youth 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.

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