

CALL FOR ARTISTS



Moving Balkans is a contemporary dance platform bringing together dance organizations from the Balkans. Our aim is to elevate and support contemporary dance by raising awareness, producing dance works and organising educational activities for dance professionals from the Balkans. We collaborate to support artistic mobility, co-creation and empowerment through capacity building, mentoring and fruitful synergies.

After the successful first edition of the Moving Balkans Contemporary Dance Showcase, held in Ljubljana (Slovenia), Rijeka (Croatia) and Zagreb (Croatia) between 10–13 May 2025, **the second edition** of the showcase will be held in **Novi Sad (Serbia) from 13–16 May 2026**. The festival will present **10 contemporary dance productions**, and **6 Dance Scape project pitches** from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Türkiye and offer opportunities to meet, exchange ideas, interact with the audience and dance professionals, and become part of a large artistic network.

The selected performances will be presented in Novi Sad to the general public as well as to international professionals in the field of contemporary dance. Furthermore, the works will also benefit from the network touring scheme.

Timeline, Eligibility Criteria and the Application Form: <https://forms.gle/FgYj4uUoipQn8m5B8> are presented below. **Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. For further information please visit the FAQ section below.**

Online info session

An online info session will be held on **11 June 2025 at 16:00 CET** on [Zoom](#) (click here). During the info session the artistic board will present the project and answer questions. All potential applicants are invited to join the call (it will take about 1 hour).

**The deadline for submitting the application is
10 July 2025 at 23:59 CET.**

Apply HERE

Additional questions: info@movingbalkans.eu
Applicants will be notified about the selection in September 2025.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The submitted work must be a contemporary dance performance with a minimum duration of 20 minutes.
2. The submitted work must have been premiered in professional conditions and contexts to the general public no more than two years prior to the deadline of this open call. Works in progress will not be accepted.
3. The authors must have at least two years of prior professional experience as choreographers (proof of two works created in professional context).
4. Each choreographer or producer from the region may submit only one work per year. Applications that were not successful in the first Moving Balkans Open Call for Artists in 2024 cannot be resubmitted again the following year.
5. Executive producers of the submitted work must be based and reside in the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Türkiye.
6. The applicants must own the rights to perform the submitted work (music, script, etc.).
7. Applicants must provide all the information as required in the application form. Please upload your full-length video recording on Vimeo or YouTube providing us with the link and the password if necessary. The video must not be artificially modified or manipulated; it should represent the live performance as it was presented to an audience.
8. Successful applicants must be available to travel and present their work between 13–16 May 2026 in Novi Sad, Serbia.

Selection Criteria

- Quality of choreography and performance
- Innovative and well-structured works
- Works addressing contemporary social, artistic, environmental issues
- Good presentation of works with limited technical conditions that can be easily toured

Selection Process

The Artistic board consists of all the Artistic Directors of the Network. There will be three (3) phases of the process:

- Phase 1:** Pre-selection filtering all eligible works
- Phase 2:** The artistic board along with two international experts will select 16 artworks.
- Phase 3:** Voting for the final 10 artworks that will be presented in the Festival Showcase (Top10).
- Phase 4:** Selecting 6 artists to pitch their work in the context of Moving Balkans Dance Scape.

What Moving Balkans offers to the selected artists

- Venue and technical support
- Promotion and visibility of the selected works
- Contribution fee to the artistic team
- Accommodation and meals
- Travel from and to the country of residence
- Free access to the shows of the festival

The Moving Balkans Showcase is part of the European cooperation project Moving Balkans Contemporary Dance Platform (www.movingbalkans.eu), that offers different opportunities for dancers, choreographers and cultural workers in the extended Balkan region.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which countries participate in Moving Balkans?

The participating countries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Türkiye.

I live in one of the countries mentioned above, but I do not have the nationality of this country. Can I apply?

Yes. If you are a legal resident in a country that participates in Moving Balkans, you can apply. During the application process we will ask for proof of residency.

Can I apply with my final university presentation (e.g. my M.A or post graduate work)?

No. Works created during a training course are not eligible.

Can we apply as a group of people or is the application for individuals only?

Yes. You can apply as a group of co-creators. Nevertheless, groups have to choose an authorized leader or production office. The authorized leader will submit the application, sign the contract and report the results on behalf of all members of the group.

Where can I apply?

You may find the application form at the website of Moving Balkans www.movingbalkans.eu

Is it possible to apply to Moving Balkans several times?

Applicants can submit only 1 application per each call. If the work has been rejected in the previous call you cannot apply again with the same work the following year.

In which language can I submit my documents?

Your application must be submitted in English. However, language skills are not rated in the application. All applicants are welcome to use online translation tools, if needed.

Does Moving Balkans welcome applications from artists with disabilities?

Yes. Artists with disabilities are welcome to apply. Please be specific in indicating any requirements and what type of assistance or special consideration you may need.

Does Moving Balkans accept performances addressing kids and young audiences?

The Moving Balkans primarily addresses adult audiences. Nevertheless, performances that can be seen by kids and young audiences will be considered. Please indicate the age of your target audience.

What is a Dance Scape artist?

Moving Balkans Dance Scape artists are selected from the Open Call for Artists. They pitch their current or future projects to an international audience of producers, presenters, and potential collaborators during the Moving Balkans Showcase.