

CALL FOR AN ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Background

As of January 2022, Malta became subdivided into six regions – Gozo, Tramuntana, Punent, Lvant, Xlokk, and Port. These Regional Councils were established and set-up through the amendment of the Local Councils Act in 2019 which led to a change in name as well in its composition. Kunsill Reġjonali Centru became Kunsill Reġjonali Lvant (K.R.L.) and is now composed of twelve localities – Birkirkara, Iklin, Hal Lija, San Ġiljan, Sliema, Gżira, Għargħur, Pietà, Swieqi, Pembroke, Imsida, and Ta' Xbiex. The Eastern Region has an area of about 20.3km² and a population of about 130,909 (2021), constituting 25.2% of Malta's population.

The functions of the Regional Councils are established by the Ministry for the National Heritage, Arts and Local Government in the form of regulations following consultation with the Local Councils Association.

Regional Councils are composed of a Regional President, a Deputy President, an Executive Secretary and between nine to twelve members. The Regional Council is also composed by the mayor of each locality. The K.R.L. is presided by the President, Anthony Chircop, and the Executive Secretary, Jeanette Galea. The Mayor of Ta' Xbiex, Max Zammit, occupies the post of Deputy President.

The Administration Office of the K.R.L. is currently situated in San Ġwann. The Regional Tribunal is part of this Region's responsibility and is situated in a separate building in San Ġwann.

About: Region of Culture 2024

On the 28th of August 2023 the Ministry of Local Heritage, the Arts and Local Government issued a Press Release announcing the East Region as the Region of Culture 2024. The Regional Council of the Lvant Region seeks an Artistic Director (AD) who will support the Region's mission and vision in creating, developing and implementing an artistic and cultural programme for the upcoming Region of Culture 2024. The Artistic Director will



work closely with the Regional Council President, Executive Secretary and Regional Cultural Manager.

The Region of Culture is an initiative of the Parliamentary Secretariat for Local Government within the Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government which brings to the forefront the region's unique cultural identity through collaborations between the region's communities and Local Councils, organisations, artists and other stakeholders. The Region of Culture is a rotating cultural endeavour across the six regions.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To articulate an artistic vision and set strategic goals for the Region of Culture in collaboration with the K.R.L.;
- To identify and select the artistic content for the programme.
- To ensure the participation of creative practitioners and enterprises, organisations, Local Councils from within the region;
- To enable and support collaboration between Local Councils, organisations and creatives.
- Ensure that the Regional Cultural Strategy's main themes are covered with the artistic programme.
- Focus on the development of local artistic talent.
- Attract considerable audiences in pursuit of strategies designed for audience development.
- Ensure that the region's heritage, culture and traditions are preserved and highlighted.
- Work closely with the marketing team regarding communications, public relations and social media.
- Be in line with Kunsill Reġjonali Lvant's policies.
- Adhere to public procurement policies.
- Adhere to deadlines set by Kunsill Reġjonali Lvant.



- Attending and supervising each scheduled rehearsal and performance of major events within the artistic programme.
- Be required to speak publicly about the Region of Culture.
- Devote whatever time may be necessary for the success of the Region of Culture programme.
- Be based in Malta at least 3 weeks before and during the events as part of the Programme of Activities
- Respect set budgets and work with the established time frames.
- Perform any other related duties as assigned by the Region Board

Skills and Experienced Required

- Experience in artistic direction or creative production with a strong and diverse portfolio demonstrating artistic excellence and vision for the arts;
- Experience in arts and culture development within the community with a creative enthusiasm to drive forward the regional cultural vision;
- Experience in project management and a clear understanding of strategic thinking within an organisation.
- Knowledge and access to national and international cultural networks;
- Sound knowledge of the Maltese islands' and the East Region's cultural and creative sectors.
- A proven understanding, track record and commitment to develop audiences;
- A proven understanding, track record and commitment to develop learning and participatory opportunities;
- An excellent communicator with the ability to present and debate issues convincingly internally and externally on public platforms and in the media;
- Knowledge of all disciplines pertaining to the contemporary and emerging arts, both local and international;
- Up-to-date knowledge of cultural policy; as well as copyright laws, intellectual property and regulations
- An understanding and awareness of audience expectations, patterns and emerging trends in the arts sector;



- Excellent knowledge of communications and dissemination techniques and methods, including alternative ways to inform via written, oral and visual media;
- Excellent communication skills in English and Maltese;
- Knowledge of marketing, advertising, and public relations activities for driving growth in cultural participation; Knowledge of the technical aspects required to compose, produce and perform works of music, dance, visual arts, theatre and other forms of artistic expression.
- Demonstrate experience in working on high profile cultural events, productions, and festivals.
- Have experience with idea generation and delivery of projects from conception to completion.
- General awareness of office procedures and knowledge of Government Procurement Regulations.
- Related Qualifications will be considered an asset

Compensation and Start Date

The selected candidate will be engaged on a fifteen (15) month contract of service with an expected commencement in November 2023. Answerable to the Executive Secretary and the Regional Cultural Manager, the chosen candidate is expected to develop the artistic programme and work in direct collaboration with the Regional Cultural Manager at K.R.L., operating with flexible hours to meet the demands and requirements of this service.

The chosen candidate will be required to work within the rules and regulations of the Malta Public Service.

The services to be provided by the Artistic Director shall be capped at €30,000.00 (incl. VAT) for the duration of the fifteen (15) months. Payment will be processed monthly by K.R.L. upon receipt of an invoice with a valid VAT number and a monthly report to be submitted to the Executive Secretary and the Regional Cultural Manager. On settlement, the person is to provide a VAT receipt to the Contracting Authority.



The chosen candidate may enter into negotiations with K.R.L. on other engagements, artistic or otherwise, with other organisations and/or in other countries, as long as such engagements are not in direct conflict with the chosen candidate's commitment to ensure the successful, effective, and visionary direction of K.R.L.

The nature of engagements and other commitments are to be discussed before signing the agreement pertaining to the engagement of the Artistic Director.

Applications

To apply: Interested individuals should send a detailed curriculum vitae and portfolio highlighting their artistic track record, together with a letter expressing their motivation and desire to be an Artistic Director, the strengths they would bring to the position and the goals they would like to achieve if they are chosen to perform the duties of Artistic Director for Region of Culture 2024

Applications will be sent to the Executive Secretary of Kunsill Reġjonali Llantais at regjun-llantais.dlg@gov.mt. The closing date for applications is **Sunday the 24th of September 2023**.

Late applications will not be considered.