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Open Call for artists – Creating a site-specific piece for the courtyard at the Goethe-Institut, Prague

As part of the **CYCLE UP!** project, the Goethe-Institut is inviting artists to propose a new artwork for installation in our courtyard in Prague. The CYCLE UP! Project is a Creative Europe project co-financed by the European Union.

This year, the Goethe-Institut Prague is shaped by a simple idea: to create a sense of belonging/*Zusammenhalt/Sounáležitost*.

We believe in art that is socially engaged with the city and the country we live in - art that listens, responds, and becomes part of a place. Art that brings people together, sparks conversation, and makes different lives and experiences visible. Art in which people can recognise something of themselves.

We want the Goethe-Institut Prague to be a place of shared moments: of watching, listening, talking, and sometimes simply being together. A space that feels open to everyone - students and parents, the young and the old, regular visitors and first-time guests.

That is why our programmes this year focus on participation, care, and community and we have projects that invite people to join in and feel at home in our space.

We know that a sense of belonging cannot be delivered. It is something we make together, through shared experiences over time. That is why this theme sets not only our programme for this year but also the way we want people to feel when they walk through our doors.



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About the Artwork

The selected artist will create a site-specific work to be displayed outdoors in our courtyard. To comply with heritage protection and the space, the artwork must meet the following conditions:

- **Removable:** The piece must not permanently alter the courtyard structure.
- **Relatively flat format:** Large freestanding sculptures or bulky objects that obstruct access cannot be accepted.
- **Sustainable materials:** Use of recycled, reused, or found materials is encouraged; eco-friendly paints and coatings are preferred.
- **Weather-resistant:** The work must withstand outdoor conditions over a longer period.

We are open to a wide range of formats, including but not limited to:

- Painted mural or wall-based piece (on board)
- Low-relief sculptural work
- Mixed-media artwork printed on board
- Graphic or illustration-based designs

Dimensions: 180 x 120 cm

Budget

The selected artist will receive:

- **1.000 EUR artist fee**
- **Covered production costs** (maximum 2.000 EUR - based on your submitted budget overview)
 - The production will be managed and overseen by the artist themselves, but costs will be covered by the Goethe-Institut.

Timeline:

- **Open call launch:** 9th April 2026
- **Submission deadline:** 11th May
- **Selection decision:** by 25th May
- **Production period:** June-July



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What Are We Looking For?

We are looking for a concept that:

- Responds meaningfully to the theme
- Demonstrates a commitment to sustainable production
- Is visually engaging and suitable for the courtyard's architectural context (you are welcome to come and see our courtyard – the institute is open to all!)
- Is technically feasible within the budget and timeline

Who Will Select the Artwork?

The selection will be made by jury process, including jury members from the [CYCLE UP! curatorial board](#) and team.

Who Can Apply?

- Artists legally **based in the Czech Republic**
- Applicants must submit a **valid concept, budget, CV and artistic portfolio**
- **You must be available to manage the production of the artwork in June and July 2026**

Submission Requirements

Please submit the following materials:

- **Project concept** (max. 250 words)
- **Rough sketch of artwork** (optional)
- **CV**
- **Short portfolio** (3–8 selected works)
- **Basic budget overview** (materials, production and any additional costs up to 2000 EUR)

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/FiXMcb43W3VyrJRS8>

If you have any problems or questions, please contact: veronika.svital@goethe.de

To participate, see the Terms and conditions.



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See our larger courtyard here for an overview of the space:



Your artwork would be on the wall above the wooden steps, right of the gate.

