

Europe + Heritage Programme 2021-2024 Travel Grant Scheme

Introduction

DutchCulture stimulates, informs and supports Dutch parties in the field of international cultural collaboration. In the 2021-2024 period, DutchCulture will seek to promote contacts, knowledge exchange and collaboration between the Netherlands and the rest of Europe with respect to the heritage sector. As part of this effort, DutchCulture offers a Travel Grant Scheme and a Support Grant Scheme.

Collaboration begins with establishing contact and getting to know each other. To facilitate this, DutchCulture has created the Travel Grant Scheme within the Europe + Heritage Programme. Under this scheme, eighty vouchers worth € 250 are available each year.

The scheme is open to heritage professionals from the Kingdom of the Netherlands who wish to visit a European partner, and for European heritage professionals wishing to visit the Netherlands.

DutchCulture can also offer support in other ways than just financially; please visit [our website](#) for more information.

Goal

The goal of the Travel Grant Scheme is to promote the establishment of contacts with the European heritage sector and the exchange of knowledge regarding heritage between the Netherlands and the rest of Europe.

This implies the following:

- A. Consolidating the European network.
- B. Promoting knowledge exchange in a European context.
- C. Participating in important conferences, symposiums or other networking events in order to build the European heritage network.

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- D. Visiting a region or a number of heritage sites within Europe in order to improve knowledge exchange and facilitate potential collaboration.

For the long term, it is hoped that these exchanges will lead to sustainable collaborations and relations. This, not just to achieve that Dutch heritage professionals visit other countries and sites in Europe, but also that European heritage professionals visit the Netherlands. The intended exchange should be durable and reciprocal.

The scheme is supported by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

Who is eligible to apply?

The scheme is for heritage professionals and heritage organisations established in the Kingdom of the Netherlands (including the Caribbean part), who wish to strengthen their European network and/or to improve knowledge exchange in the field of heritage between the Netherlands and the rest of Europe. The scheme is also open for staff members of heritage departments of Dutch municipalities.

The scheme is also open to heritage organisations or municipal councils established in the Kingdom of the Netherlands (including the Caribbean part) that wish to invite European heritage professionals to visit the Netherlands. This could be to participate in a meeting, to get to know each other, or for network building. The Dutch partner can apply to DutchCulture on behalf of the European heritage professional, organisation or municipality.

The scheme is expressly intended for heritage professionals, heritage organisations and heritage departments of Dutch municipalities. Heritage organisations are free to decide which of their staff members will make the journey concerned. They can be both paid and unpaid staff members, such as volunteers.

'Europe' is understood to mean the member states of the European Union, the candidate member states (Albania, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey) and United Kingdom, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

DutchCulture encourages heritage professionals, organisations and municipalities outside the Netherlands' western conurbation (the 'Randstad') and those established in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom to apply to the scheme. Young heritage professionals are likewise encouraged to apply.

What expenses are covered?

The voucher is intended to cover travel and sustenance expenses to a total of € 250. The applying legal person must cover all other costs such as insurances, any further travel and sustenance expenses, and domestic travel expenses.

What can the scheme not be used for?

The scheme is not open to any other art disciplines, besides the heritage sector. Only heritage organisations, heritage professionals and municipal heritage departments in the Kingdom of the Netherlands can use the scheme for travel expenses related to the Europe + Heritage Programme.

The scheme cannot be used for visits without a clear goal or intended result that fits with the activities of the heritage organisation or professional concerned. There must be a clear idea or perspective on the reason for the visit and what it is expected to achieve. This applies equally to incoming visits.

It will also be assessed whether the travel costs are necessary for the organisation. Organisations that cannot persuasively explain the necessity will be rejected.

Journeys to and from a country not included in the list of countries above are not eligible for the programme and scheme.

The programme deliberately aims to support variety within the heritage disciplines. The travel grant scheme should not serve to support a limited number of heritage disciplines. If this is the case, then DutchCulture retains the right to reject an application on this ground.

DutchCulture takes account of regional spread. If multiple applications derive from the same region, then DutchCulture retains the right to reject applications on this ground.

How are applications assessed?

DutchCulture will assess an application with regard to the following criteria:

- A. The purpose of and motivation for the visit.

- B. The added value of the visit with respect to the goals described above.
- C. Diversity. If we receive ten applications for a visit to the same conference, then we shall not grant each of them.
- D. Geographical spread within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Applicants should not all derive from the same region or city. If this is the case, then other cities and regions will be prioritised.
- E. European spread. The assessment takes account of how collaboration partners are distributed across European countries.
- F. Spread across heritage disciplines. The assessment takes account of diversity among the heritage disciplines. If many applications from one particular type of heritage discipline are received, other heritage disciplines will be prioritised.

DutchCulture retains the right to reject an application. Applicants cannot appeal against decisions. In case of any questions, please contact heritagedesk@dutchculture.nl.

Applications

The applicant must complete the online [application form for the Travel Grant Scheme](#). Vouchers can be applied for year-round until the budget has been depleted. Applications must be submitted at least four weeks before departure.

Procedure

The application will be assessed internally by DutchCulture. The result will be announced in writing within ten days.

For successful applications, 100% of the travel expense voucher will be paid out. After the journey, the applicant will be asked to complete an evaluation of the result of the visit and whether the intended goals have been achieved.