

PRESS RELEASE

The European Union's project **PROCULTURA**, launched a call for proposals with the purpose of spurring sustainable employment and income creation in music, performing arts and children's literature in PALOP (African Portuguese Speaking Countries) and East Timor under its regional programme PALOP-TL EU.

The budget amounts to **EUR 7.8 million to be awarded in grants**:

- LOT 1 (EUR 600,000.00) - Entrepreneurship projects in the music and performing arts sectors, to be carried out in one or more PALOP/ East Timor countries, to be financed between EUR 20,000.00 and EUR 35,000.00;
- LOT 2 (EUR 6,000,000.00) - International development projects in the music and performing arts sectors, involving two or more PALOP and East Timor countries, to be financed between EUR 500,000.00 and EUR 1,000,000.00;
- LOT 3 (EUR 1,200,000.00) - International development projects for the children's literature sector, involving two or more PALOP and East Timor countries, to be financed between EUR 300,000.00 and EUR 600,000.00.

Public and private entities (profit and nonprofit), including enterprises, may apply as long as they have been established or registered in one of the countries of the PALOP and East Timor region for at least two years and have been active in those countries and specifically in the cultural sector.

Partnerships with other entities are eligible, including entities from countries of the European Union, from ACP countries (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific), from Brazil, South Africa and Australia, among others, provided at least one implementing partner complies with the preceding conditions.

The call is open **until November, 9th**.

Additional information and application forms available at:

<https://www.instituto-camoes.pt/en/activity-camoes/what-we-do/cooperation/activity/funding/com-dpcalendar-submenu-events/grants>

<https://www.futuroscriativos.org/procultura>

Through this action, the European Union and its partners wish to contribute to the creative and cultural economy in PALOP and East Timor, to encourage the professionalization and transformation of the cultural sector into a dynamic driver of economic growth, employment and social inclusion.

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