The Europe Challenge

Apply now to The Europe Challenge 2024: Libraries, Communities and Democracy

The European Cultural Foundation (ECF) invites your library and community of choice to participate in the third edition of the Europe Challenge, **a unique opportunity to become part of a growing network of libraries across Europe that work together on ideas and creative solutions** to enhance democratic participation and social and environmental wellbeing. The programme addresses various challenges facing Europe, including social isolation, inequality, disinformation, and climate crises, through community-led local change. The programme runs from January to September 2024.

Come join the Europe Challenge 2024 to develop and implement creative solutions to local challenges with your community members through:

- a series of online and in-person workshop and mentoring sessions
- funding of up to EUR 10.000 (optional)
- additional peer-to peer exchange
- opportunities, networking and travel.

The call is open from: 9.00 CEST 5 September 2023 and closes 9.00 CEST 16 October 2023.

An online Q&A session where you can ask questions about the details of the call and the application process will take place on **Facebook via a discussion thread** on **19 September at 15.00 CEST**. Details on the open call can be found on the <u>website</u>.

These 39 initiatives are showcased through in the publication **Sense of Belonging** which highlights the initiatives ignited by the Europe Challenge between 2021 and 2023, and tells the story of why and how the programme was conceived.

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