

INVITATION TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Public call for active citizen participation aimed at planning events related to the Festival delle Culture 2025

As part of the project "CITIES - Cities Initiative Towards Inclusive and Equitable Societies" [CERV-2023-EQUAL] financed by the European Commission's CERV programme and coordinated by the Municipality of Reggio Emilia, in partnership with the Municipalities of Casalecchio di Reno, Modena, Olbia and Ravenna.

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Art. 1 – Object and purpose

This invitation to express interest is aimed at selecting young individuals interested in gaining experience in the design and implementation of initiatives within the upcoming Festival delle Culture, promoted by the O.U. for Immigration and Citizenship Policies and associated entities.

The goal is to select young individuals aged between 18 and 35 to create a community that will enrich the operational framework in which the Festival delle Culture has been active for several years. The main objective of this public call is to create awareness-raising and information actions aimed at preventing discrimination.

The Municipal Administration pursues objectives of social inclusion and recognition of the cultural diversity of individuals and the various components of the local community, as a prerequisite for a cohesive and conscious society, in accordance with the principles referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of the Statute of the Municipality of Ravenna.

Through the Festival delle Culture, the Municipality of Ravenna seeks to facilitate cultural pluralism, promote interculturality, and encourage youth involvement and participation through planning processes in which various social actors collaborate, adopting a working method based on cooperation and participant accountability, fostering a process of integration, social cohesion, and cultural exchange, to enhance human rights, tolerance, and peace.

The events organized during the Festival are aimed at students and the wider community with the goal of delving into topics related to migration phenomena connected to cultural, climatic, social and economic changes, religious pluralism, human rights, respect and mutual understanding between cultures. These efforts aim to strengthen social cohesion and support processes of collective identity building and peaceful community life, with particular attention to youth participation.

Selected citizens will work within the action lines identified as priorities by the Municipality of Ravenna, the O.U. for Immigration and Citizenship Policies, the intercultural network on immigration issues (R.I.T.I.), and the University of Bologna – Ravenna Campus.

The selected participants will design and/or implement various types of events and initiatives focused on the main themes underpinning the realization of the Festival delle Culture, with the aim of:

- Promoting new areas of action for the dissemination of themes related to hospitality, interculturality and gender equality;
- Creating awareness campaigns on human rights, tolerance, equality and equity;
- Encouraging actions against intolerance, racism and xenophobia.

In coordination with the O.U. for Immigration and Citizenship Policies, participants will be responsible for designing and/or conducting various types of initiatives, workshops and focus groups aimed at the general public, with a particular focus on young people.

The planning phase will consist of monthly meetings lasting about 3 hours, starting approximately in November and continuing until March, subject to change based on organizational needs and force majeure events.

During the planning phase, the proposals put forward by the participants will be evaluated in line with the priority actions identified.

Art. 2 – Requirements, selection method and collaboration commitments

Young people of any nationality may participate in the invitation, provided that at the time of the application submission they:

- Have reached the age of 18 and not exceed 35 years of age;
- Are residents or temporarily domiciled in the territory of Ravenna and its province.

Applications can be submitted by completing the forms referred to in Article 4 of this Notice.

Participants will be contacted at the email address provided in the submitted forms.

The proposing entity commits to providing qualified support, coordination and assistance for the activities within the limits of available resources. It also commits to issuing a certificate of participation for the activities completed.

Participation is free of charge. Participants will not be required to cover any out-of-pocket expenses related to the project's implementation, nor will any compensation or reimbursement of expenses be provided for this process.

Art. 3 – Personal data processing

Each candidate explicitly authorizes the Municipality of Ravenna, the O.U. for Immigration and Citizenship Policies, and its direct delegates to process the personal data transmitted pursuant to Law 675/96 (Privacy Law) and subsequent amendments under D.lgs. 196/2003 (Privacy Code) in connection with this process and related activities.

Participation in the call implies knowledge and full acceptance of the attached privacy policy.

Art. 4 – Application procedure

The application must be made exclusively by email to casadelleculture@comune.ravenna.it indicating in the subject line “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – event planning for Festival delle Culture” **by no later than 10/11/2024** sending:

- the enclosed Form 1 (MANDATORY) with privacy declaration acceptance and a presentation of one's interests and availability;
- the enclosed Form 2 (OPTIONAL) with the description of the eventual project proposal that one intends to present at the subsequent planning meetings;
- the Curriculum Vitae with authorisation for personal data processing (OPTIONAL);
- scan of a valid identity document (MANDATORY)

Art. 5 – Further information

For any further information or clarification requests, please send an email to: casadelleculture@comune.ra.it