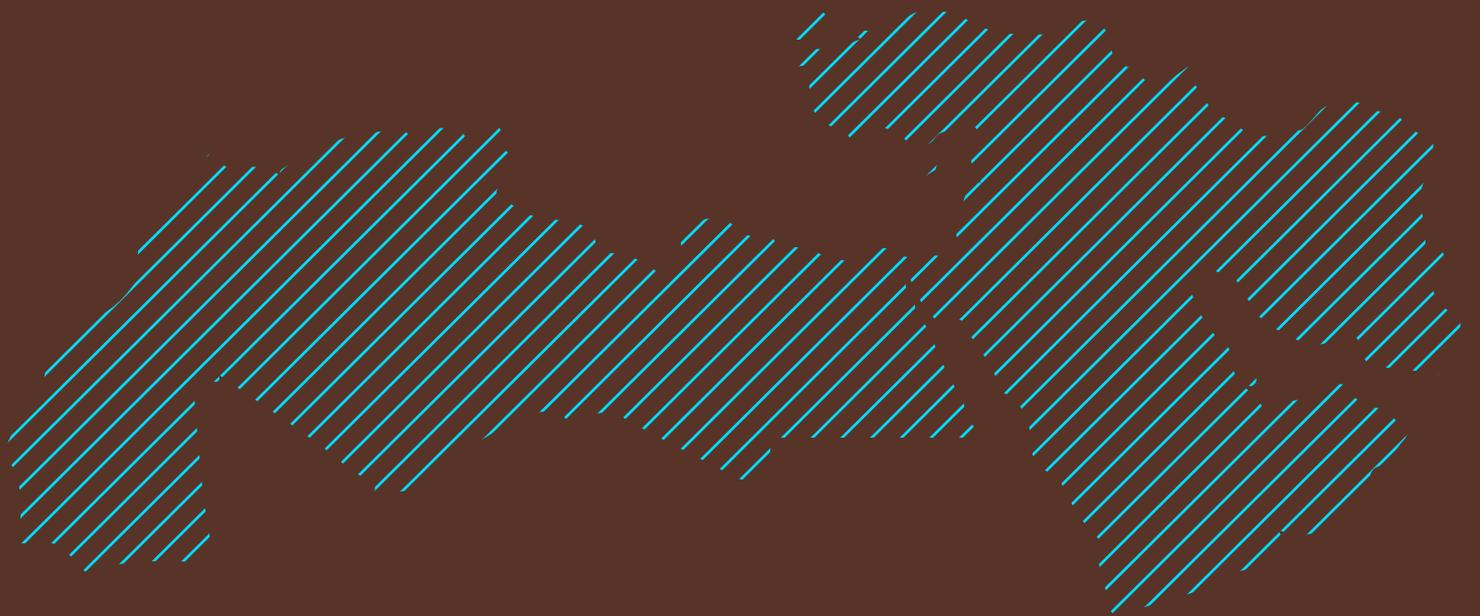


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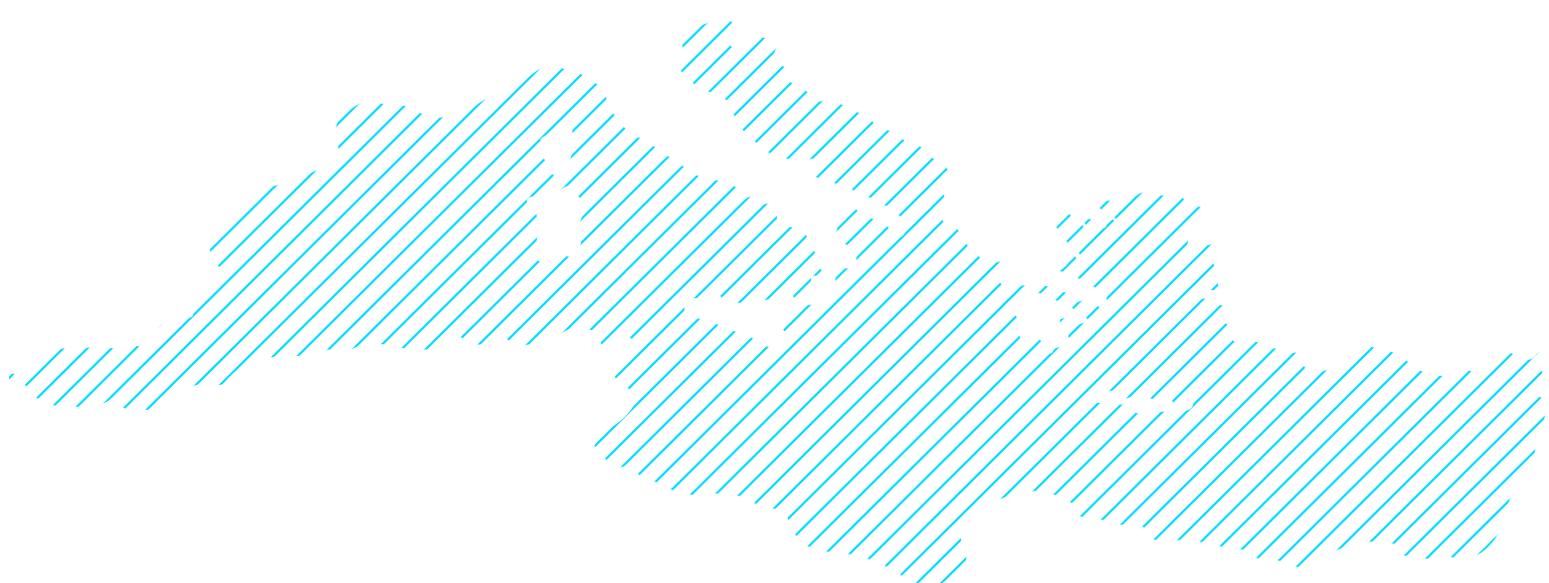
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About the project

“Engaging with MENA cultural agents in the EU” is a one-year project implemented by Culture Action Europe (CAE). The project aims at raising awareness about the specific circumstances of MENA - the Middle East and North Africa - cultural agents residing in the European Union, with a particular focus on the (post) COVID-19 context; it also looks into strengthening collaboration between MENA cultural professionals in Europe and their European peers. The project specifically addresses artists, cultural workers, and cultural organisations from the MENA region that are living and working in the countries of the European Union.



Main activities of the project

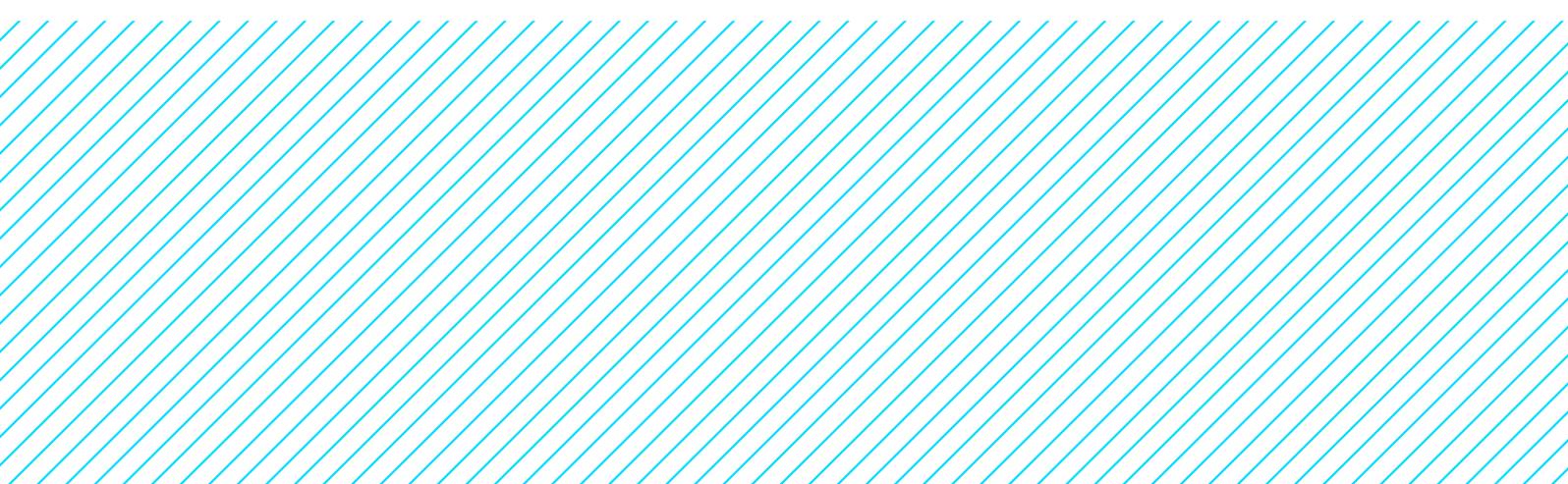
Outreach¹

Through its large network, Culture Action Europe will identify activities and projects involving MENA cultural agents residing and working in the EU. The project will engage with a wide group of artists and organisations, representing different countries of origin and residence, cultural sectors and genders.

Research²

The project aims at shedding light on challenges that hinder the fulfillment of the professional lives of MENA artists residing in the EU. The research will specifically focus on aspects related to working conditions, freedom of movement and freedom of artistic expression. Gender (in)equality and the effects of COVID-19 crisis and related rescue packages, will be factors considered horizontally in the research.

The research methodology is inspired by the equality impact assessment approach. It gives the participants the space to shape, contribute and validate the research, thus letting the group own the narrative.



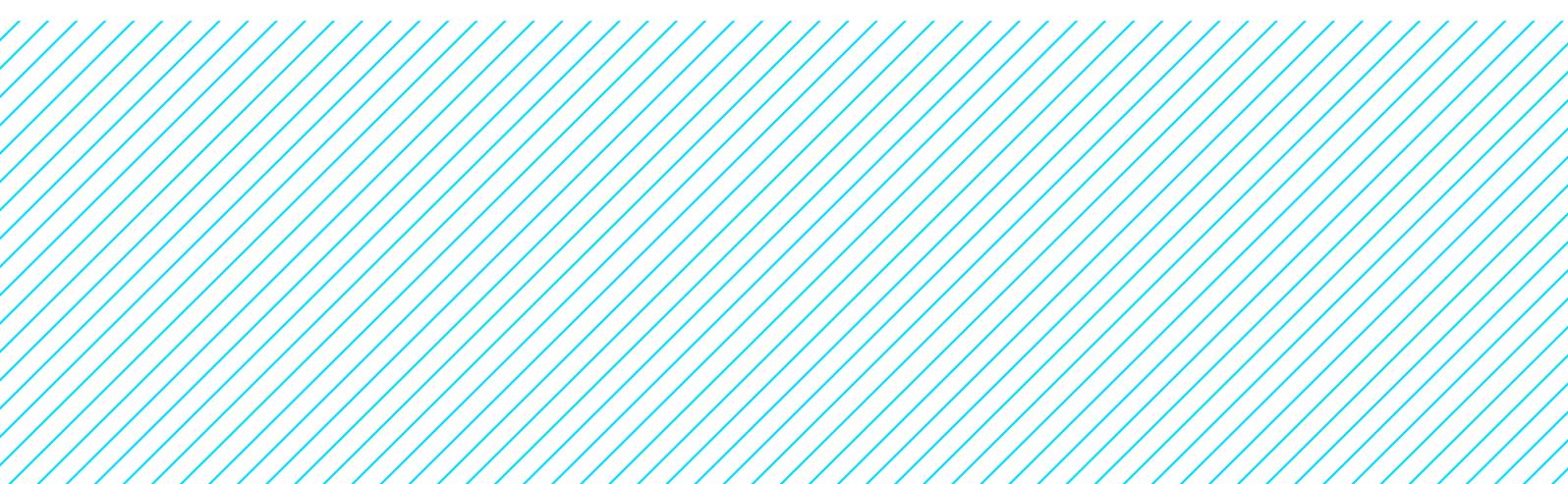
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Network **3**

The project will strengthen networking and knowledge sharing among the MENA cultural agents living in Europe and their European counterparts. The project will organise information sharing opportunities around specific topics jointly arising from the different meetings and discussions. The project also opens the opportunity for interested MENA cultural agents to be part of Culture Action Europe network and engage in its activities.

Advocacy **4**

The project will propose policy recommendations stemming from the research, and initiate advocacy actions to ensure that policies, funding schemes and recovery plans take all cultural agents into account. The project will inform the ongoing political debate on key topics such as working conditions, freedom of artistic expression and mobility as perceived by MENA cultural agents residing in the EU Member States. Specific issues of concern of MENA cultural agents living and working in the EU will be integrated into Culture Action Europe's advocacy work.



About Culture Action Europe

Culture Action Europe (CAE) is the major European network of cultural networks, organisations, artists, activists, academics, and policymakers. CAE is the first port of call for informed opinion and debate about arts and cultural policy in the EU. As the only intersectoral network, it brings together all practices in culture, from the performing arts to literature, the visual arts, design, and cross-arts initiatives, to community centers and activist groups.

CAE believes in the value and values of culture and its contribution to the development of sustainable and inclusive societies.

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