



# AGENDA

Skopje, North Macedonia \_ May 13–16, 2026

## PART 1 \_ CULTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT FORUM

**Host:** Heartefact Fund

**Focal point:** The National & Local Context of Culture for Development

### DAY 1 \_ WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY

**Focal point:** *Naming the Experience & Recognition*

**12:00 – 15:00 | Arrivals and Check-in**

**15:00 – 15:30 | Registration**

**15:30 – 16:00 | Welcome & Opening Addresses**

- Official opening by project partners and institutional representatives.

**16:00 – 16:15 | Coffee Break**

**16:15 – 18:00 | Panel: Obstacles to Recognition and Support**

- **Focal point:** Strengthening the Independent Cultural Scene
- **Topic:** Exploring structural challenges (funding, space, governance) and defining sustained support beyond individual projects.

**20:30 – Onwards | Beyond the Sessions: Social & Cultural Programme**

### DAY 2 \_ THURSDAY, 14 MAY (DAY 2 – MORNING)

**Theme:** *The Bridge (Joint Session)*

**08:00 – 10:00 | CAE Participants Arrival**

**10:00 – 12:30 | JOINT FORUM: Culture in Motion / Exploring Possibilities**

- **Participants:** Culture for Development Grantees + CAE Network Guests
- **Purpose:** This session serves as a bridge, connecting local grantees with European networks and amplifying their collective impact.
- **Key Topics:** Strategies for collaboration and reaching beyond the local

**13:00 – 14:30 | Meet & Connect Lunch** (*Official End of 'Culture for Development Forum' Programming*)



# AGENDA

Skopje, North Macedonia \_ May 13–16, 2026

## PART 2\_ CULTURE ACTION EUROPE BEYOND SATELLITE MEETING

**Hosted by:** Heartefact, in collaboration with Clubture, Platforma Kooperativa, A25 and Euradia Italia

**Focal point:** *Understanding the European & Regional Background*

### THURSDAY\_14 MAY (DAY 2 – AFTERNOON)

**Theme:** *The Bigger Picture & Recognizing Patterns*

**15:00 – 15:30 | CAE Registration & Networking**

**15:30 – 17:00 | Panel: Shrinking Space for Culture**

- **Focal point:** Collective and Regional Landscapes
- **Purpose:** Understanding the shared ecosystem: Mapping pressures on independent culture in the Western Balkans and Europe

**17:00 – 17:30 | Coffee Break**

**17:30 – 19:00 | Workshop: From Naming the Experience to Asking Questions**

- **Format:** Facilitated Group Work
- **Purpose:** Turning Insights into focused questions for the next day's work

**20:30 – Onwards | Beyond the Sessions: Dinner & Cultural Programme**

### FRIDAY\_15 MAY (DAY 3)

**Theme:** *Uniting Ideas & Turning Them Into Action*

**10:00 – 12:30 | Process: From Connection to Collective PositioningVoice**

- **Format:** Exploring Ideas in Conversation
- **Purpose:** Navigating diverse perspectives to reach strategic alignment and clarify the priorities that cannot be compromised.



## 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch & Keynote Address

## 14:00 – 15:30 | Workshop: Crafting, Drafting, and Commitments

- **Format:** Parallel Drafting Groups
- **Purpose:** Translating shared positions into tangible outputs (position papers, advocacy roadmaps) with clear ownership.

## 15:45 – 17:00 | Panel: Socially Engaged Arts Models

- **Focal point:** Successful practices of art as a tool for social change

## 17:15 – 19:15 | CAE Internal Meeting

## 19:30 | Dinner

# SATURDAY\_16 MAY (DAY 4)

## Theme: Concluding Session

## 10:00 – 12:00 | Skopje Cultural Tour

## 12:00 – 14:00 | Farewells