

**CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS 'EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE' —
EAC/A03/2014**

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1. In accordance with Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC ⁽¹⁾, the Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, is launching a call for submission of applications for the Union Action 'European Capital of Culture' for the year 2021 for cities in candidate countries and potential candidates for EU membership which participate in the Creative Europe Programme.
 2. The aim of this call is to lead to the designation of one of these cities as European Capital of Culture in 2021.
 3. The objectives of the European Capital of Culture action are to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share as well as to increase citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area, and to foster the contribution of culture to the long-term development of cities. Activities developed by the city that will be designated as European Capital of Culture will strive to enhance the range, diversity and European dimension of its cultural offering; to widen access to and participation in culture; to strengthen the capacity of its cultural sector and the links of the latter with other sectors and to raise its international profile through culture.
 4. Detailed information, financing conditions and application form can be found in the full text of the call at: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/calls/general/2014-eac-a03_en.htm

The full text provides an overview of the eligibility, exclusion and award criteria that will be applied for the assessment of the applications as well as information about the selection procedure. Applications must comply with all the requirements set out in the full text of the call.
 5. Applications must be sent to the address indicated in the full text of the call no later than 23 October 2015.
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 132, 3.5.2014, p. 1.