

The benefits of being part of the European network for active participation in cultural activities

A large number of voluntary and paid staff and artists are employed in a wide range of associations to provide arts based activities for about 38% of the people in the member states. Amateo, is the European Network for Active Participation in Cultural Activities that works to represent those many organisations. The Network was founded in 2008 as the multi-disciplinary European organisation within the field of participatory arts and cultural activities. We have [34 national and regional umbrellas and associations](#) from 13 EU member states and 2 non-EU countries, with contacts to a huge network of regional and local associations within the European field of amateur arts, socio-cultural and voluntary arts and culture activities.

Our new programme Arts Take Part – supported by Creative Europe aims to grow and strengthen the network over the next four years. We have a team of 20 people working part time across Europe to help us achieve this aim.

Why join Amateo? By becoming a member you will;

- Give strength to the voice of your members and participants in the wider European policy context. The bigger our network the more powerful our voice.
- Get the chance to meet and cooperate with organisations from across Europe
- Have the opportunity to participate in the courses, conferences and events in the Arts Take Part project at a reduced cost
- Potentially become directly involved in the delivery of the Arts Take Part project by having staff from your organisation contracted to become one of the ATP Team
- Celebrate and share the work of your organisation and its members in the new Amateo Awards
- Gain new knowledge and experiences that help advance your own work
- Share your own knowledge and experiences with others and add to the profile of your organisations work

‘Amateur Arts Forum in Flanders is co-founder and member since 2008 of Amateo. We have always enjoyed being involved in this international network, which often served as a soundboard for our work and organisation on a national level. We learned a lot from our contact with other organisations in the field. We are thankful to be part of the process in which Amateo is growing from a merely member organisation to a professionally performing network of arts organisations, thanks to the support of Creative Europe.’ Lien Verwaeren, Director of Amateur Arts Forum

The annual membership fee is only 50€ (75 € from 2019).

[Click here for the membership application form.](#)

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