

Press release

TANZPAKT RECONNECT goes into second round with 13-million-euro rescue package for dance as part of NEUSTART KULTUR

With TANZPAKT RECONNECT, Diehl+Ritter is supporting the recovery and empowerment of the professional dance sector in Germany and any infrastructure and institutions that have been affected by the coronavirus crisis. Mirroring the priorities and funding criteria of the TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund programme, the rescue package seeks to create a framework for fostering artistic excellence, guaranteeing long-term planning capabilities and achieving sustainable synergies.

The first call for applications in 2020 was met with an enormous response and demonstrated how beneficial bursaries and project grants can be when they are accompanied by a long-term structural investment programme. Due to budget limitations, the jury was only able to recommend around one third of applications for funding. In this second round of funding, another 13 million euro have been made available through the NEUSTART KULTUR initiative.

Minister of State for Culture Prof. Monika Grütters: “Even after the lockdown, the dance scene will continue to face enormous challenges and severe restrictions on rehearsals and performances. The Federal Government is committed to supporting the professional dance sector as it looks towards the future and will therefore expand the well-received TANZPAKT RECONNECT recovery programme. In doing so, we are sending a clear cultural and political signal of our appreciation for dance, a uniquely distinctive and diverse art form in Germany.”

The next call for applications will focus specifically on supporting independent dance ensembles in Germany. Madeline Ritter, Managing Director of Diehl+Ritter, is very pleased: “Not only are we able to issue a second call for applications for TANZPAKT RECONNECT, but the volume of available funding in this second round has more than doubled. It sends a wonderful signal to the independent dance scene. By increasing the maximum amount that projects can apply for to 400,000.00 euro, we are able to provide substantial support to independent dance ensembles and somewhat mitigate the devastating effects of the lockdown that has now been in place since November.”

TANZPAKT RECONNECT is part of the emergency federal funding programme for dance that has been jointly developed and managed by Diehl+Ritter, the umbrella organisation Dachverband Tanz Deutschland and Joint Adventures/Nationales Performance Netz for NEUSTART KULTUR, the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media’s rescue and support package for the arts. In total, 40 million euro are being made available for dance. In addition to the programme’s three existing strands – TANZPAKT RECONNECT, DIS-TANZEN and NPN-STEPPING OUT – a new grant programme for recent graduates of German dance schools and institutions is being developed. Candidates can apply for funding from only one of these programmes per project.

Who can apply?

Ensembles, artists, collectives, arts centres, venues, festivals, archives, production companies and dance networks, natural persons and legal entities based in Germany who receive less than 50% of their funding from public sources.

Can projects from the first call re-apply?

Yes, projects funded in the first round can apply again.

What kinds of activities are eligible for funding?

Examples include: expanding an organisation’s workforce, improving production and training facilities, developing new programming or educational formats, renting or renovating rehearsal spaces and offices, investing in technical equipment, marketing costs, expanding management structures, and embarking on international collaborations.

How much can I apply for?

50,000.00 € – 400,000.00 € per project

Do I need to secure co-financing?

As a rule, applicants must provide 10% of co-financing from their organisation's own resources, from financial contributions from third parties, or via personnel costs that are demonstrably and directly related to the project.

When can I apply?

The online application process will open on www.diehl-ritter.de in mid-June 2021.

When is the deadline for applications?

5th August 2021 (there will be no further call for applications after this date).

What is the eligibility period for projects?

October 2021 – December 2022

When and where can I get advice?

Diehl+Ritter will offer information events via Zoom on 17th, 22nd & 24th June 2021 at 11 a.m. Please email reconnect@diehl-ritter.de to reserve your place, stating your preferred date.

When the application process opens, time slots for telephone consultations will be made available. Please check diehl-ritter.de for the latest information. Questions can also be emailed to reconnect@diehl-ritter.de

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JOINT ADVENTURES – Walter Heun for NPN-STEPPING OUT (deadline for applications: 1st October 2021)

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