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**Deadline extended to
November 11th**

EMERGENCY CULTURE

An online contest for young European artists to inject culture in hospitals



The Cultura en Vena Foundation launches Emergency Culture, a call for young European creators of the visual arts and literature

Its objective is to stimulate artistic creation that claims the social and transformative role of culture in the field of health and well-being

Emergency Culture will award 8,000 euros in prizes, with the aim of supporting artists in these uncertain circumstances for the culture industry due to covid-19

This call is entirely financed by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Spain, in the context of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union

After an open call for proposals on social media, the selected works will be exhibited in hospitals of the Spanish public healthcare system

The Cultura en Vena Foundation works to link the sectors of culture and health, bringing the arts to hospitals and rural regions at risk of depopulation

At a time when the COVID-19 crisis is forcing us to rethink the purpose of culture and future ways of experiencing it, the Cultura en Vena Foundation launches *Emergency Culture*, a competition for young visual artists and literature authors.

Emergency Culture is a **European contest for young artists**, established to support the creation of artistic projects that highlight the transformational social role of culture in the field of health and wellbeing. The call **is open to visual artists, writers, poets and creators** (natural persons) living in Europe between the ages of 18 and 35.

This edition calls for submissions in two categories: **visual arts and micronarrative**. After an open call for proposals on social media, the selected works will participate in Arte Ambulatorio [Ambulatory Art], the foundation's programme of **temporary touring exhibitions at different Spanish public hospitals, with the aim of improving the hospitalisation experience for patients, family members and healthcare professionals**. The winning and selected artworks will be exhibited in hospital vestibules, waiting rooms and/or patient rooms of hospitals of the Spanish public healthcare system.

Emergency Culture will award several prizes with a **total cash endowment of 8,000 euros**, with the goal of helping artists in these uncertain times for the culture industry due to the covid health crisis.

This first edition of the contest is **entirely financed by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Spain**, in the context of the Germany Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In addition, it has the collaboration of the [Círculo de Bellas Artes de Madrid](#) (Madrid Fine Arts Circle), where the contest winners will be presented.

This competition, like all activities organised by the Cultura en Vena Foundation, is aligned with the **World Health Organisation's** latest guidelines on art and healthcare. The unprecedented report ["What is the evidence on the role of the arts in improving health and well-being?"](#) (November 2019) urged the governments of the WHO European Region to **incorporate the arts in their health and wellbeing policies in terms of prevention and promotion of health as well as management and treatment of illness**.

Established as a foundation in 2019 but with a wide experience in the culture industry and the relationship between art and health, **Cultura en Vena aims to vindicate arts and culture as essential goods. Their main goal is to bring the arts closer where they do not usually go: mainly the hospital environment and regions at risk depopulation**. In addition, the Cultura en Vena Foundation is leading a scientific study investigating the effects of artistic practices on health and well-being, in collaboration with the Hospital 12 de Octubre in Madrid.



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