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## TKI open 27\_MassiveCourage

Polarisation and injustice are rumbling through society: Attacks on democratic values no longer echo from far-away, but can be felt in everyday life. Many talk of participation while watching others rewrite the rules.

It is now that we need places where democracy is not just defended, but lived, tried out and invented afresh – loudly, collectively and with artistic power.

TKI open 27 invites you to understand democracy as practice and to defend it with gusto, wit, anger and innovation. We need artistic and cultural projects that courageously combine dedication and revolt and turn cultural spaces into places of collective learning. We are looking for projects that boldly mash art, culture and activism and create spaces of participation and self-empowerment. Ideas that identify inequalities and support the creation of democratic alliances. Actions that use public space as a stage for vigorous democracy – for real dialogue, powerful expression and participation.

Build initiatives that act like workrooms of democracy: where audiences become actors and the uninvolved become cocreators.

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### Funding

TKI open 27 has a total of 100.000 euros of funding available from the federal administration of Tyrol. The selected projects may be fully funded by TKI open.

### Who can enter?

- > charitable cultural initiatives
- > collectives
- > individuals

## Who cannot enter?

- public bodies, party-political or religious organisations or commercial cultural event organisers and businesses
- ongoing or completed projects or projects already funded by TKI open (repeat projects)
- projects that already receive support from the cultural department of the federal administration of Tyrol

## Jury

A transregional expert jury will select the most convincing projects in an online jury meeting and submit them to the Tyrolean administration for funding. The meeting is being recorded and made available to interested parties soon after. Only one project per entrant can be selected.

## Criteria

- explicit engagement with the theme of the call
- originality and quality of the realisation
- reference to Tyrol
- realisation of the project within the year 2027
- sensitive handling of gender issues and societal mechanisms of exclusion, in the wording of the project, its concept and its realisation

## Online submission

Please upload your project proposal in German on [tki.at/einreichung](https://tki.at/einreichung).

Required documents:

- detailed description of the project (5 pages max.)
- calculation of the costs, plus funding plan
- schedule
- details on the proposers

## Fair Pay and sustainability

- When calculating remuneration and working conditions, please adhere to Fair Pay.
- We recommend taking aspects of sustainability into account in the project design, for example, planning events as Green Events.

## Dates

- submission closes midnight on Sunday 11.10.2026
- jury meeting: Saturday 14.11.2026
- information event: Friday 2.10.2026, 5 pm  
*Online!* Register at [tki.at/veranstaltungen](https://tki.at/veranstaltungen)

## Information

- tips and FAQs at [www.tki.at/artikel/tki-open-faqs](https://www.tki.at/artikel/tki-open-faqs)
- If you have any questions, you can contact us in person – we are happy to advise you!

## **Contact and information**

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## **Legal Framework**

Submission of a project proposal does not give rise to legal claims. The decision will be made without recourse to legal action. Funding of the selected projects will be handled by the cultural department of the federal administration of Tyrol.