

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Horizons of Sustainability: The Power of Creative Innovation for Transformation of Rural and Non-Urban Futures

25-27 September 2024

Šibenik, Croatia

Call for Papers [OPEN NOW](#) for IN SITU Conference



The project *IN SITU: Place-based innovation of cultural and creative industries in non-urban areas* is pleased to announce the [Call for Papers](#) for its upcoming Conference "**Horizons of Sustainability: the Power of Creative Innovation for Transformation of Rural and Non-urban Futures**" which will take place in Šibenik (Croatia) from 25 to 27 September 2024. This event is led by the IN SITU partners [Kultura Nova Foundation](#) and the [Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra](#). It is supported by the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme (under Grant Agreement no. 101061747) and the [Central European Initiative](#).

IN SITU is a four-year project that combines research and experimental actions to advance the innovation-related practices, capacities, and potentials of cultural and creative industries (CCIs) based in non-urban and rural areas of the EU. The project aims to better understand their forms, processes, and governance needs and to advance the ability of non-urban and rural CCIs to act as drivers of innovation, competitiveness, and sustainability. Ultimately, the aim is to contribute to a more informed and sustainable future for practitioners in cultural and creative industries based in non-urban and rural areas.

This first IN SITU international conference will explore **the transformative power of innovative approaches of cultural and creative agents in forging more equitable and sustainable communities beyond urban centres.**

In this event, we wish to inspire new ways of learning from one another. We aim to create an intimate environment that enables meaningful discussions and networking opportunities across research, culture-based creative practice, and planning and policy-making spheres. Therefore, within the conference, we will create different spaces and opportunities to foster exchange and dialogue with non-conventional approaches that fully place participants in the context of the place where the event is located. This also means that the number of presentations will be limited to allow for these other approaches.

We invite proposals for presentations of papers and projects from **scholars, researchers, artists, cultural practitioners, activists, policymakers and decision-makers** from across the world and a broad range of disciplines. All proposals should make an original contribution to the topic of place-based innovation and the transformative power of the creative and cultural sector in forging more equitable and sustainable communities in rural and non-urban areas.

Submission guidelines

We accept proposals for individual and collective presentations. Proposals should be in English and composed using the e-form available through [this link](#). Each proposal must include the following:

1. Title
2. Author(s)
3. Email for the corresponding author
4. Organizational affiliation(s) of author(s)
5. Country(ies) of organisation
6. Abstract of paper or project (300 words maximum)
7. Keywords (4 max.)
8. Author(s) short biography (100 words per author, 300 words maximum)
9. Audiovisual equipment required

Each author may submit one proposal only as the main author. There is no limit to participation as a co-author.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 8 July 2024 at 23h59 CET.

Proposals will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. Early applications are welcomed.

Proposals submitted by e-mail and/or after the deadline cannot be considered.

Important Dates

Deadline for submission of proposals:	8 July 2024
Notification of proposal acceptance:	By 16 July 2024
Early bird registration period:	16 July - 15 August 2024
Regular registration period:	16 August - 5 September 2024
Conference - live in Šibenik!	25 - 27 September 2024

More **information** and **application form** at:

<https://insituculture.eu/croatia-2024/conference-horizons-of-sustainability/>

If you have **any questions**, please email in-situ-conference@ces.uc.pt

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