



## CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR EUROPEAN YOUNG JOURNALISTS/WRITERS

### BACKGROUND

Blue Note Gorizia Festival is a cultural musical event that has been held on the border between Italy and Slovenia since 2011. It is organized by the BlueBird Cultural Association, in cooperation with Contea Social Cooperative. Each edition is dedicated to a theme, including music, culture, art, multimedia. All editions tell about the cross-border territory and its characteristics. The 2023 edition fits into the context of the European Capital of Culture 2025, a title that has been awarded to the Slovenian city of Nova Gorica in collaboration with the twin city Gorizia. The title has accelerated the integration process between the two neighboring cities, which were divided by a border fence from 1947 to 2004 and are now facing their common future together.

### SCOPE OF THE CALL

The call intends to select 5 young European journalists/writers. They will be asked to think on the topic: Nova Gorica- Gorizia as a single cross-border and borderless city, taking in account the GoGreen, GoShare, GoYoung and GoEurope themes included in the [GO!2025](#) bid-book. The articles/stories produced at the end of the study visit to Gorizia/Nova Gorica will be presented to the bodies that are coordinating the GO!2025 project, offering food for thought for a cultural debate among the main actors of the cross-border territory.

### ACTIVITIES REQUIRED OF PARTICIPANTS

Selected young people will be asked to stay on the cross-border territory in the period between 13 and 18 September 2023. During the stay, guided tours, meeting and networking moments with cross-border journalists are foreseen, as well as free moments to explore the territory independently, according to the draft agenda listed below. **By 23 September**, each participant must then produce a journalistic text (in English, no longer than 5,000 characters including spaces) or a story no longer than 15,000 characters on the theme of the single city without borders, grappling with the implementation of a cross-border cultural strategy.

Draft Programme

**13.09.2023**

Arrival in Gorizia and participants' meeting in the evening

**14.09.2023**

10 a.m.: meeting in Piazza Transalpina/Trg Evrope and cross-border press conference

11.30 am: visit to KIT- Cultural Information Touchpoint Nova Gorica/Gorizia and introduction to the cross-border territory

12 noon: walk to the centre of Nova Gorica

12.30 p.m.: lunch break

2 p.m.: visit to the Nova Gorica library

3 p.m.: meeting with some Slovenian cultural organizations

4 p.m.: walking back and visit Kostanjevica

### **15.09.23**

10 a.m. meeting with the editorial staff of *Il Goriziano*

11 am: budding journalists- presentation of the best practice and discussion

1 p.m.: break

2 pm: presentation of Blue Notte Gorizia Festival 2023

3 pm: self-exploration of Gorizia (several itineraries to choose from or to combine will be provided)

### **16.09.23**

09.30 a.m.: cycling tour along the border

12.00 p.m. break

2 pm: meeting with the Rete Italiana European Green Belt

3 pm: hike along the Soča/Isonzo river: borders separate, nature unites

### **17.09.23**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: group work on GO2025 topics

Afternoon: free time

### **18.09.2023**

Departure

## **COSTS**

Participants will be covered for return transport to Gorizia and accommodation for 5 nights. Bookings will be made by the BlueBird Association, which will also take care of payment. No advance payment is required from participants.

## ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

The call is open to young people between the ages of 18 and 35 from one of the EU Member States or one of the pre-accession countries. The call is open to journalists who can prove that they have written articles, reports, commentaries or reviews for newspapers, magazines (print or online) or have written in-depth reports or reports for television or radio broadcasters, or have moderated meetings for these same broadcasters, in the last two years. Young people in journalism studies are also eligible. Finally, young writers who can prove that they are authors of (published) texts such as short stories or novels or blogs with a predominantly cultural theme are also eligible.

## SENDING APPLICATIONS

Applications must be sent by email to [bluenotefestival@virgilio.it](mailto:bluenotefestival@virgilio.it) **by 10.08.2023**. Each application must include a curriculum vitae in European format in English, a motivation letter and a list of articles/services, links demonstrating that the applicant meets the requirements.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Only participants aged between 18 and 35 who can demonstrate that they meet the participation requirements will be eligible for selection. In selecting participants, motivations will be assessed, ensuring the greatest possible representativeness, both geographically and in terms of gender.

## INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATIONS

For information and clarification, please write to [bluenotefestival@virgilio.it](mailto:bluenotefestival@virgilio.it)

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