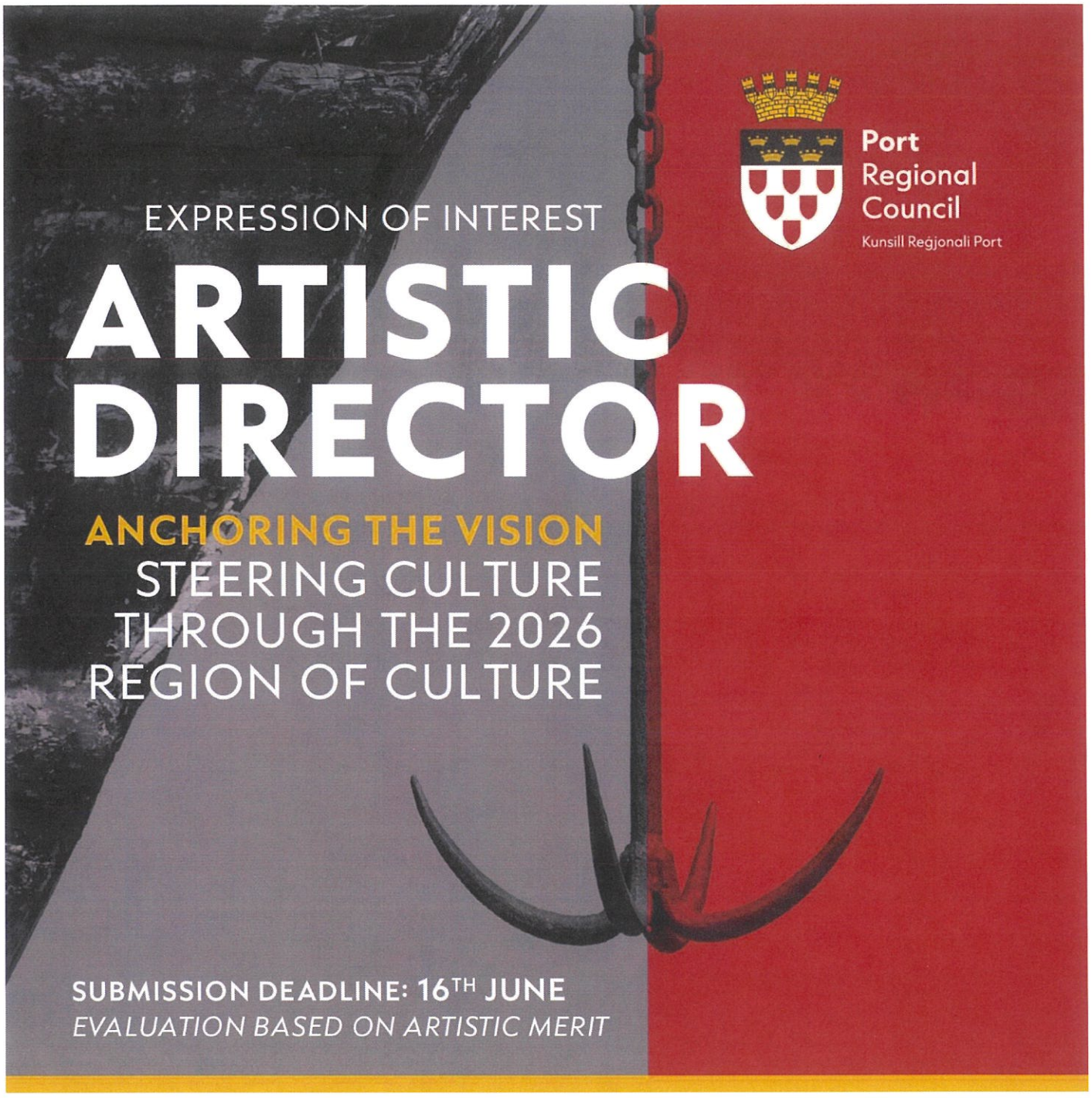
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
ANCHORING THE VISION
STEERING CULTURE THROUGH THE 2026 REGION OF CULTURE
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 16TH JUNE
EVALUATION BASED ON ARTISTIC MERIT

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Date: 4th June 2025

Position Title: Artistic Director
Organisation: Port Regional Council
No. of Posts: 1
Application Type: Individual and joint applications accepted
Responsible to: Deputy Acting Executive Secretary, Port Regional Council

Overall Purpose of Position

The Port Regional Council is seeking a visionary and driven artist or artistic team to lead and shape the cultural direction of the Port Region during its designation as the **2026 Region of Culture.**

The contract for service spans **September 2025 to January 2027**, covering the preparation, implementation, and closure phases of the programme.

The Artistic Director will craft and deliver a year-long cultural programme that reflects the region's identity, enhances community cohesion, and champions creativity. Strong consideration will be given to applicants whose vision integrates **sport, health, and other interdisciplinary sectors** and focuses on **long-term impact, sustainability, and legacy.**

Main Responsibilities

Artistic

- Define, design, and execute the artistic vision for the 2026 Region of Culture.
- Engage with local and international creatives to implement the vision.
- Develop a detailed programme timeline with public deliverables and KPIs.
- Maintain regular engagement with project stakeholders (biweekly; monthly during preparation phase).
- Lead commissioning, programming, and cross-sectoral collaborations.
- Promote inclusivity, diversity, and creative excellence.
- Align with the ECOC 2031 vision and strategies where possible.
- Produce a comprehensive final report on programme outcomes and legacy.

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Strategic & Operational

- Liaise with the Regional Council on planning, programming, and fundraising.
- Work closely with the Regional Cultural Manager and Local Councils.
- Oversee branding and visual identity in collaboration with designers.
- Develop an audience engagement strategy targeting all age groups.
- Expand the Region's national and international cultural profile.

Financial & Funding

- Plan and deliver the programme within a **€275,000 budget**.
- Ensure proper financial tracking and documentation.
- Identify additional funding and sponsorship opportunities.
- Build relationships with donors, sponsors, and funding bodies.

Supervision

Reports to the **Secretary Executive** of the Regional Council and works closely on the implementation with the Region's **Culture Manager**.

Terms of Engagement

- **Duration:** 17-month contract for service (Sept 2025 – Jan 2027)
- **Remuneration:** Capped between €25,000 to €30,000 excluding VAT
  (Travel/residency allowances not included)
- **Payment Terms:** Against monthly invoice with valid VAT number, followed by VAT receipt upon settlement.

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Required Submissions

- **Motivational Letter** (max 1000 words)
- **Career Portfolio** outlining relevant experience

Candidate Profile – Knowledge, Skills & Qualifications

- Proven leadership in artistic or cultural programming (festivals, seasons, etc.)
- Experience managing complex creative projects with cross-sectoral impact.
- Demonstrated capacity in financial and strategic planning.
- Track record of fostering artistic talent and audience development.
- Familiarity with Malta's cultural landscape.
- Excellent communication and public presentation skills.
- Strong stakeholder engagement and diplomatic skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Experience in developing long-term cultural or regional strategies is considered an asset.

About the Region of Culture (2026)

The Port Regional Council has been selected as **Malta's National Region of Culture for 2026**, a Local Government Division initiative. Grounded in the **UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005)** and aligned with the **EU's New Narrative for Europe**, the programme celebrates cultural identity, fosters creative development, and promotes inclusivity.

The initiative aims to:

- Reimagine public spaces
- Promote civic pride
- Stimulate regional sustainable development through culture

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Vision

To position the Port Region as a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking cultural hub that celebrates heritage, empowers creativity, and drives sustainable development.

Mission & Aims

- Deliver a programme of artistic excellence
- Encourage community participation
- Support professional development for creatives
- Promote cultural inclusion and accessibility
- Build local and international partnerships

Closing Date for Applications

Monday, 16th June 2025 at 12:00 PM CET
Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview and presentation. Selection will be based on **artistic merit**, feasibility, and collaborative approach.

Recommended Pre-Reading

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with:

- Regional Cultural Strategy
- Port Strategy
- National Cultural Policy
- "Slow Streets" Studies
- The Port Regional Council Social Impact Assessment