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This section is part of the joint ARS BALTICA and On the Move initiative to create the first [Baltic Sea Region \(BSR\) Cultural Mobility Funding Guide](#). The section builds up on previous research carried out for the [Guide to funding opportunities for the international mobility of artists and culture professionals in Europe](#)¹ produced by the Foundation Interarts, On the Move and PRACTICS and published online in September 2011.

This present [section](#) on Cultural Mobility in [Iceland](#) includes:

- ▶ Mobility funding opportunities open to [Icelandic nationals and residents](#) in most artistic and cultural disciplines > [Outgoing mobility \(OM\)](#);
- ▶ Mobility funding opportunities open to nationals from other countries than Iceland in most artistic and cultural disciplines > [Incoming mobility \(IM\)](#)

The guide lists national, local and international resources, be they public or private. [Only regular opportunities accessible online are listed](#); funds for which information is only available offline, not based on open calls, and ad hoc or short-term funding are not included. For a full overview of the methodology and scope of the research, please refer to the introduction of the [Guide to funding opportunities for the inter- national mobility of artists and culture professionals in](#)

Overall, the main objectives of such mobility funding guides are to make available online, in a transparent way, the existing information on funding for the international mobility of artists and cultural operators and to give input to funders on how to fill in the existing gaps in funding for international cultural exchange in order to ensure a sustainable support to cultural mobility in Europe and in the world.

This guide, updated initially by ARS BALTICA and then again in 2021 by researcher Claire Rosslyn Wilson, and in collaboration with On the Move, is an attempt to gather all the resources in one document, and is by no means complete. You can send your comments, suggestions and corrections to: mail@arsbaltica.net / mobility@on-the-move.org

Web-links last checked in July-October 2021

The mentions Public (Pub.), Private (Pri.) and Public/Private (PP) have been added to highlight the sources of funding.

For regular and one-off calls for projects, collaborations and other opportunities to fund international cultural exchange, we invite you to subscribe [for free](#) to the monthly newsletter of on-the-move.org.

For regional or other international sources of funding, we may suggest you to consult:

- ▶ [FUND FINDER](#), A Guide to funding opportunities for arts and culture in Europe, beyond Creative Europe, commissioned by IETM to On the Move (including regional funds such as Nordic Culture Fund and the Nordic Contact Point). https://www.ietm.org/sites/default/files/150630_fund-finder_v2.pdf
- ▶ The guide “[Open to any nationality](#)” under the Mobility Funding Guides – Funding opportunities for international cultural exchange in Asia, commissioned by the Asia- Europe Foundation (ASEF) through its portal culture360.org³.

¹ <http://on-the-move.org/funding/europe>

² See above web-link.

³ <http://culture360.asef.org/asef-news/mobility/>

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<u>1.1.</u>	<u>Icelandic Music Fund (OM)</u>
Type of mobility	Project and production Marketing and distribution
Sector	Music
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Professional musicians and those connected to music projects
Destination	Not specified
Other	The role of the Icelandic Music fund is to promote Icelandic music and support dissemination of Icelandic musicians and their music. It does not normally fund travel costs to attend events.
Size of grants	Not specified
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://en.rannis.is/funding/art-culture/music-fund/
<u>1.2.</u>	<u>Music Recording Fund (OM)</u>
Type of mobility	Project or production grants (Pub.)
Sector	Music
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Musicians, both individuals and groups, recording companies and others who record music.
Destination	Not specified
Other	To support recordings of new original music and to encourage innovation. The fund does not generally fund operational cost for bands, businesses or events. The fund does not give grants to reissuing of already issued music.
Size of grants	Not specified
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://en.rannis.is/funding/art-culture/music-recording-fund/

<u>1.3.</u>	<u>Professional Performance Art Groups Fund (OM)</u>
Type of mobility	Project or production grants (Pub.)
Sector	Performing Arts
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Professional performance art groups
Destination	Not specified
Other	The objective is to support Icelandic acting in general and improve the conditions of theatrical activities. This funding can be applied to general, acting activities, Children's theatres, puppet theatre, operas, dance, and more.
Size of grants	Grants are given to professional performance art groups for one-year projects. Framework agreements can be made for projects for up to two-year period.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://en.rannis.is/funding/art-culture/professional-theatre-groups-fund/

2. Funding organisation Iceland Music Export Office – ÚTÓN

<u>2.1</u>	<u>Music Export Fund (OM)</u>
Type of mobility	Travel
Sector	Music
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Icelandic citizen or resident of at least 1 year
Profession	Professional musicians and those connected to music projects
Destination	Outgoing: International
Other	The artist/band must be either playing a tour of at least 4 shows or at a partner showcase festival. Exceptions may be made if a composer wants to travel abroad to be present during a premiere of their work. The fund is meant to subsidise travel only, and not meant to replace any part of a performance fee. The artist/band must be billed as Icelandic.
Size of grants	Normally around ISK 50 000 per band member, up to a maximum of 400,000 ISK or 8 people.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://www.icelandmusic.is/export-funding

3. Funding organisation	Icelandic Art Centre – Kynninqarmiðstöð Íslenskrar myndlistar
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3.1. Travel Grants (OM)

Type of mobility	Event participation grants Travel grants Residency (Pub.)
Sector	Visual arts
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	International
Nationality	Icelandic citizenship or residence of at least five years in Iceland
Profession	Artists
Destination	Outgoing: International
Other	The Icelandic Art Centre assists Icelandic or Iceland based visual artists in working or presenting their art abroad with mobility grants. Mobility grants are for travel, accommodation and/or maintenance abroad. Applications may be submitted by the artists themselves, or, on their behalf, by professional curators, organisers or art administrators who wish to exhibit the artists' work. Artists must have exhibited before and have a confirmed offer.
Size of grants	ISK 75 000
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://icelandicartcenter.is/travel-grants/

3.2. The Icelandic Visual Arts Fund (OM)

Type of mobility	Event participation grants Project and production Research (Pub.)
Sector	Visual arts
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified.
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Visual artists, curators, art historians, self-employed professionals, art museums, art galleries, exhibition venues, organisations and associations.
Destination	Not specified
Other	The fund promotes artistic creation, promotion and increased knowledge of Icelandic art in Iceland and abroad. It does not award grants for travel, operational costs or salaries, so international promotion of work would need to take other forms.
Size of grants	Grants are awarded for up to ISK 3,000,000, and the minimum amount is not less than ISK 300,000.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://myndlistarsjodur.is/

3.3. Künstlerhaus Beth (OM)

Type of mobility	Residency (Pub.)
Sector	Visual arts
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Germany
Nationality	Icelandic
Profession	Visual artists
Destination	Outgoing: Germany
Other	The funding is for residencies for Icelandic artists in Berlin from 2020-2025. Each residency stay spans one year. Artists who have been working for a while and are interested in seeking opportunities outside Iceland are preferred, and they will have exhibited their work in museums and known exhibition halls in Iceland and abroad.
Size of grants	Not specified
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://icelandicartcenter.is/bethanien/

4. Funding organisation

Icelandic Literature Centre –
Miðstöð Íslenskra bókmennta

4.1 Travel Grants (OM)

Type of mobility	Event participation grants Travel grants
Sector	Literature
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	International
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Icelandic authors, foreign publishers or organisations
Destination	Outgoing: International
Other	The Icelandic Literature Centre contributes towards travel costs. The travel grant is a contribution towards flight or train cost, not accommodation or other travel expenses. Due to COVID: Travel grants are temporarily also for online events. Only organisers of events abroad can apply for grants for the participation of Icelandic authors in online events. This arrangement will be regularly reviewed to keep up with developments.
Size of grants	Not specified
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://www.islit.is/en/grants/travel-grants/nr/3533

4.2 Translators Residential Grant (IM)

Type of mobility	Artists/Writers in residence
Sector	Literature
Eligibility of beneficiaries	

Geographical criteria	Iceland
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Icelandic authors, foreign publishers or organisations
Destination	Incoming: Gunnarshús (Iceland)
Other	Residency grants for translators of Icelandic literature. Applicants selected will be granted 2 to 4 weeks stay in Gunnarshús (The Writers' residence in Reykjavík), except for June-August.
Size of grants	The grant consists of travel expenses, housing and a sum of ISK 30 000 per week to cover living expenses during the stay.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://www.islit.is/en/grants/translators-residential-grant/

5. Funding organisation Icelandic Film Centre

5.1 Coproducing with Iceland (IM/OM)

Type of mobility	Project or production grants (Pub.)
Sector	Audio-visual and media (film, TV, electronic art, new media, web)
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Application by company registered in Iceland
Profession	Not specified
Destination	Incoming: Iceland Outgoing: International
Other	The Icelandic Film Centre supports co-productions of features, documentaries, TV series and shorts with Iceland as a minority coproducer. The following points and documents need to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ the artistic participation by the Icelandic cast and crew ▶ the degree of involvement by the Icelandic producer and the overall Icelandic spending ▶ a letter of commitment to distribute the film in Iceland
Size of grants	Not specified
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	http://www.icelandicfilmcentre.is/support-schemes/coproducing-with-iceland/

5.2 Icelandic Film Fund (OM)

Type of mobility	Project or production grants (Pub.)
Sector	Audio-visual and media (film, TV, electronic art, new media, web)
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Not specified
Destination	Not specified

Other	The Icelandic Film Centre provides various types of grants – for screenwriting, development, production, postproduction and promotion – to Icelandic film projects.
Size of grants	Not specified
Application procedure	Grants can be applied for at any time throughout the year.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	http://www.icelandicfilmcentre.is/funding/

5.3 25% Reimbursement (IM)

Type of mobility	Project or production (Pub.)
Sector	Audio-visual and media (film, TV, electronic art, new media, web)
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Iceland
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Producers
Destination	Incoming: Iceland
Other	Reimbursements are offered for film and TV production costs incurred in Iceland. When more than 80% of the total production cost of a motion picture or television program is incurred in Iceland, the reimbursement is calculated on the basis of the total production cost incurred within the European Economic Area, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. The reimbursement scheme does not cover production of commercials or music videos.
Size of grants	Producers can apply for reimbursements from the State Treasury of 25% of the costs incurred in the production of films and television programs in Iceland.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	http://www.icelandicfilmcentre.is/support-schemes/25-reimbursement/

6. Funding organisation Nordisk Film and TV Fond

6.1 Funding programmes (OM)

Type of mobility	Project or production grants Distribution (Pub.)
Sector	Audio-visual and media (film, TV, electronic art, new media, web)
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Nordic countries
Nationality	Nordic countries
Profession	Production company
Destination	Outgoing: International
Other	The fund provides top financing for production of feature films, TV films/drama series and creative documentaries. It also promotes distribution and dubbing of Nordic films inside the Nordic countries and Industry Initiatives of professional

	Nordic importance. The project must be considered to have a significant audience potential primarily in the Nordic countries, and secondarily in the global market.
Size of grants	Not specified
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://www.nordiskfilmogtvfond.com/funding

7. Funding organisation Reykjavík UNESCO City of Literature

7.1 Gröndal House International Writer's Residence (IM)

Type of mobility	Residency (Pub.)
Sector	Literature
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Iceland
Nationality	International
Profession	Writers
Destination	Incoming: Iceland
Other	The writer must be from another UNESCO City of Literature
Size of grants	Not specified. Free accommodation in the Gröndal House.
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://bokmenntaborgin.is/en/grondals-house-unesco-cities-literature-residency

II PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS/ORGANISATIONS

8. Funding organisation STEF

8.1 Travel Fund (OM)

Type of mobility	Project or production grants (Pri.)
Sector	Music
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Not specified
Nationality	Not specified
Profession	Composers, lyricists and other rights holders
Destination	Outgoing: International
Other	The aim of the fund is to provide travel grants to composers, lyricists and other rights holders, as well as to the association's staff to familiarise themselves with the activities of foreign copyright associations.
Size of grants	The maximum grant is ISK 120 000
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	http://stef.is/skopun-tonlistar/styrkir-og-sjodir/

9. Funding organisation Icelandic Writers' Union – RSÍ

9.1 Travel Grant (OM)

Type of mobility	Travel Scholarships/postgraduate training courses (Pri.)
Sector	Literature
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	International
Nationality	Icelandic nationals and residents of Iceland
Profession	Writers
Destination	Outgoing: International
Other	The fund is for those who have been RSÍ members for at least 1 year.
Size of grants	The maximum granted is ISK 50 000
Last viewed	23/07/2021
URL	https://rsi.is/ferdastyrkir/

10. Funding organisation Gunnar Gunnarsson Institute – Skriðuklaustur

10.1 Residency (IM)

Type of mobility	Residency (Pub.)
Sector	All
Eligibility of beneficiaries	
Geographical criteria	Iceland
Nationality	Icelandic nationals; International
Profession	Writers, composers, artists, musicians, dancers and scholars
Destination	Incoming: Iceland
Other	Residencies are for 3 to 6 weeks.

Size of grants

Subsidised costs. Accommodation is free and there is local transport, but it does not provide living allowance, stipend or travel costs.

Last viewed

23/07/2021

URL

<https://www.skriduklaustur.is/en/about-us/residency>



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