

COVID 19 EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES CULTURE - LISBON

Creation of a new type of support through the Social Service Emergency Fund Eligibility Rules - Section of support to Culture, in order to ensure the allocation of urgent and immediate support of extraordinary and transitory nature, aimed at protecting the cultural and creative activity of the city and to minimize the losses undergone by the respective agents, namely artists, technicians and mediators, and entities that carry out their activity in Lisbon, whose creative or artistic activity is effectively stopped or reduced in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both individuals and companies are eligible to apply to this financial support. There are € 250,000 for urgent and immediate financial support for agents and entities in the cultural and creative sectors of Lisbon who may be in serious financial and economic difficulty; - FES Culture EMERGENCY - and € 1,000,000 to reinforce the city's cultural programme to agents not covered by other support systems -FES Culture PROJECTS.

€ 200,000 for immediate support to be granted by Lisbon City Council to the City's Fado Houses and respective artists for overall programming were also announced, including the following initiatives:

- A programme to be named conversations and fado, filmed in a controlled environment and broadcast through the existing social networks of the City Council of Lisbon, EGEAC and the Fado Museum.

Throughout this cycle, performers and musicians are invited to share memories and knowledge about the history of Fado, to select emblematic pieces of work from the Museum's collection, to pay homage to its artistic references and, above all, to share their immense talent with us.

- Documentary in co-production with RTP

In partnership with RTP, the City Council of Lisbon is preparing a documentary about Fado Houses, to be recorded in 11 emblematic fado houses in the city of Lisbon. The individual episodes will be broadcast online on the social networks of the City Council of Lisbon and EGEAC | Fado Museum and the documentary will be broadcast by RTP. The funding is the responsibility of the city council.

These extraordinary measures shall be added to others, previously announced by the City Council of Lisbon for Culture, namely:

- Rental payment exemption, until next June 30, for both cultural institutions and individual artists operating in municipal spaces;
- Guarantee given to cultural agents of the full payment of contracts already signed, namely by EGEAC, promoting, whenever possible, its rescheduling;
- Acceleration of payments to the cultural entities of the city that already receive support, with a view to supporting the maintenance of the respective operating structures;
- Reinforcement of the acquisitions fund in the area of fine arts and extension of its scope to the books and public art industry.

These various measures announced by the City Council of Lisbon, aim to meet the diversity and specificity of each of the artistic and creative areas that integrate the cultural ecosystem of the city, seeking to preserve in a framework of solidarity and cohesion, both wealth and dynamics that have guided Lisbon's cultural life.