



PROJECT FUNDING CALL FOR CONCEPTS: 1st FUNDING ROUND 2024

Berlin, 20 September 2023

**Dear media representatives,
dear cultural producers in Berlin,**

Applications are now open for Musicboard Berlin project funding for the first round of 2024 in the programmes of Festival Funding, Karrieresprungbrett Berlin, and Pop im Kiez. You can apply for projects to be carried out in 2024 via the online application form until the deadline of 1 November 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

In this round of funding, Musicboard Berlin is awarding grants in three programmes aimed at promoting Berlin's pop music scene. **Festival Funding** helps finance Berlin pop music festivals and offers them support in planning. It has a special focus on festivals that involve up-and-coming creative talent as well people working in the music industry. **Karrieresprungbrett Berlin** is aimed at projects and platforms that support up-and-coming pop music talents in their career development – for example, with concert series, workshops, or interdisciplinary events. **Pop im Kiez** is meant for projects that increase the reception of live music in Berlin's neighbourhoods by means of pilot projects, campaigns, or other initiatives.

NEW JURY MEMBERS

Funding is granted on the recommendation of an independent jury of experts and knowledgeable figures from Berlin's music scene. For this round, we are pleased to welcome four new jury members:

- **Edna Martinez**, DJ, curator for music & sonic practices at Haus der Kulturen der Welt
- **Melissa Kolukisagil**, curator and producer, founder of İç İçe – Festival for New Anatolian Music
- **Ulrich Hartmann**, musician and performer, project manager at luftsprung live
- **Wieland Krämer**, musician, co-founder of Powerline Agency and Flirt99 Musikverlag

Along with radio journalist **Christoph Reimann** (part of the jury since late 2020), they will assess the applications. [Profiles of the jury members](#) can be found on the Musicboard website.

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DIVERSITY IN MUSICBOARD FUNDING

Musicboard places particular emphasis on funding projects that include diverse perspectives, feature line-ups with diversity and gender equality, and take measures to ensure accessibility. Once again, Musicboard will provide selected projects with **consulting on accessibility and inclusion** from experts in the field. Applicants who would like such support can indicate their interest directly in the application form.

ONLINE INFO SESSION

To answer questions about applications in the programmes Festival Funding, Karrieresprungbrett Berlin, and Pop im Kiez, we are offering an **online info session on 10 October 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** The session will provide information on how to apply via Musicboard's online application form and on the implementation and accounting of funded projects. It will be conducted in German and/or English as needed. Participation is possible without registration via Zoom. Further information can be found in the corresponding [Facebook event](#).

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81597077570?pwd=0EtGYytvamxsSksxTU5abmh2eU1zUT09>

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Before submitting your project, please read all information published on the respective funding programme page of the Musicboard website, including the FAQ. When submitting your project, please observe the guidelines in the online application form and list expenses exclusively through the application tool. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time. **The application deadline for the first funding round of 2024 is 1 November 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

FURTHER ROUNDS OF FUNDING

For the funding programmes Karrieresprungbrett Berlin and Pop im Kiez, a second funding round is planned for 2024. Applications are expected to open in February 2024. The Festival Funding programme is only offered once per year. The next application period will be in autumn 2024 for festivals taking place in 2025.

We look forward to innovative and creative applications that reflect the social and cultural diversity of Berlin's music scene!

Sincerely,

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