

MAKERS IN RESIDENCY 2026: OPEN CALL FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CREATIVES



Challenge

Over the past five years, major cities worldwide have experienced up to a 50% increase in extreme heat days. As urban environments continue to overheat, shading has become an urgent necessity.

This year's edition of the *Maker in Residency* programme invites makers to collectively respond to one of the most tangible consequences of global warming. Through a **hands-on, collaborative design-and-build process**, participants will develop an **adaptable, modular shading structure** for the future community café in **Park Izbrisanih**, located within Center Rog's Green Area.

The residency will take place online and from the end of May to the beginning of June in Center Rog (Ljubljana, Slovenia).

We will select up to **ten participants (individual makers or collectives)** from diverse disciplines to take part in the residency. The programme is grounded in the principles of maker culture: collaborative making, experimentation, learning by doing, and the open sharing of skills and knowledge. Working as a group, participants will co-create a simple and adaptable shading solution that is easy to reproduce, both in other makerspaces and by individuals or communities facing increasing heat stress. The final design will be published under a **Creative Commons licence**.

We encourage applications from makers working across **design, architecture, engineering, craft, digital fabrication**, and related fields, as well as from those interested in climate-responsive and community-oriented making.

Timeline:

- **Application deadline:** 8 March 2026, 23:59 CET
- **Selection of participants:** 20 March 2026
- **Online planning phase:** 4-23 May 2026
- **On-site project implementation:** 29 May-7 June 2026
- **Optional work on personal projects:** 8-14 June 2026

A detailed programme is part of the Open Call documentation.

What the grant covers*:

- **Travel expenses:**
 - Up to 150 km: €50
 - Up to 500 km: €200
 - More than 500 km: €400
- **Free shared accommodation** in one of our five residential apartments, located on the third floor of Center Rog (fully equipped, including a kitchen, towels, and bedding; breakfast is not included)
- **Daily lunch** from 29 May to 6 June 2026
- **Free access to the production labs** of your choice
- **Skill sharing and development** during the project implementation
- **An additional week** of access to Center Rog facilities for personal project work
- **One individual consultation and two training courses** to support the development of your personal project
- **Material costs** for the group project
- **Presentation of the group project** at Neighbours Day, Center Rog's largest community event
- **Networking opportunities** with an international community of makers
- **Group project credits** published under a Creative Commons licence
- **A group field trip** in Slovenia
- **The sincere gratitude** of the Center Rog community

**We especially encourage applicants to apply for individual mobility under the [Culture Moves Europe](#) program or to attend events as part of the [Erasmus+ Grants](#).*



What the grant does not cover:

- Visa costs
- International health insurance (mandatory)
- Local transportation and parking costs
- Material costs for the development of personal projects

By applying, you agree to:

- Participate in the online planning stage of the project (attendance at all Zoom meetings and completion of home assignments; approximately 12 hours in total)
- Participate in the 10-day on-site implementation of the project
- Contribute your expertise meaningfully and collaborate with fellow residents and Center Rog mentors
- Publish the plans and instructions for the group project under a Creative Commons licence on Center Rog's wiki page
- Agree that photographs and video recordings may be taken during the project and used for promotional purposes

Who can apply?

- **Individuals and collectives of legal age** (up to 4 people per group) with experience in **architecture, urban planning, construction, practical engineering, and/or knowledge of metalwork, woodwork, or technical textiles**
- Good command of English is required

How to apply:

View the full open call documentation includes:

- Open Call
- Design Brief
- Residency Programme
- Online Application Form
- Self-assessment Form

Fill out the online application form and upload the following documents:

- CV (maximum 1 page) *
- Portfolio (maximum 3 pages, include visual materials of relevant past projects) *
- Completed self-assessment form *



- **2-minute presentation video** introducing yourself and what you bring to the project
- **Your own proposal for the shading structure** based on the design brief (part of the open call documentation)

**If applying as a collective, please combine CVs and portfolio documents for all team members into a single PDF.*

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For further questions regarding the residency or any issues with the application, please contact Eva Kraljič at eva.kraljic@center-rog.si.

About Center Rog

Spanning 8,500 m², Center Rog in Ljubljana is the largest public creative hub in Europe and is often described as a true makers' haven. It offers an open, supportive, and inspiring environment for makers working across manufacturing, design, architecture, urban crafts, applied arts, and cuisine.

At its heart, Center Rog is a diverse and welcoming community of makers, thinkers, and creators—people brought together by a shared curiosity for materials, processes, and new ways of working, as well as a commitment to creating with care for society and the environment.

The center brings together nine fully equipped production labs dedicated to food, textiles, digital fabrication, wood, metal, glass, ceramics, jewellery, and new materials. These labs are supported by a collective of experienced mentors and technicians. Here, makers are never left alone with their ideas: knowledge is shared openly, skills are passed on through practice, and experimentation is encouraged at every step. A full list of labs and equipment is available [here](#).

Whether you are prototyping an idea, learning a new craft, or developing a socially and environmentally responsible project, Center Rog is a place to belong, to collaborate, and to make beautiful things—together.