



ALF Hellas: Track 1.2 Contextualization of Network thematic priorities in relation to the national socio-political context

Thematic Priority: Art & Culture

In the spring of 2023, and in the framework of the new Annual Program of the ALF Hellas, a call for applications was launched for the implementation of the **Track 1.2** entitled **“Contextualization of Network thematic priorities in relation to the national socio-political context”**. In this regard, and taking advantage of the participatory process to identify priorities (February 2023), it is essential to carry out a comprehensive analysis for each priority selected.

The [International Centre for Black Sea Studies \(ICBSS\)](#) applied and was successfully selected in the thematic priority **“Art and Culture”**. The task foresees the elaboration of a comprehensive three-page report for the said thematic priority, clearly positioning the priorities in relation to the socio-political context and describing the rationale, and methodology, with reference to the tools and the sources of information for the relevant elements. All this information needs to be gathered through a combination of processes, such as literature searches and analysis of existing data.

In this context, **an online questionnaire** has been created aiming to gather direct input about the capacities, the main challenges, as well as the public policies and frameworks from all ALF Hellas members involved in this thematic priority. For this reason, the above members **are invited to complete the questionnaire** and contribute to a better understanding of the current situation in the sector of **“Art & Culture”**.

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