



The Spirit of Goya: open call

**Are you between 16 and 25 years old
and passionate about dance and performance?
Do you live in Antwerp or Brussels?**

Register for **The Spirit of Goya** as part of **EUROPALIA ESPAÑA!**

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Open call duration: 06.06.2025 — 08.00 to 22.06.2025 — 23.59

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For whom: young dancers between 16 and 25

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How to participate:

[Antwerp dancers register here](#)

[Brussels dancers register here](#)

Timeline

Data

Activity

22 June

Registration deadline

22 June

Video submission deadline

25 June

**Selection 20 dancers (Antwerp) /
20 dancers (Brussels)**

30/06/2025 - 04/07/2025

**Week 1. Movement Lab group 1
in Antwerp for Antwerp dancers**

07/07/2025 - 11/07/2025

**Week 2. Movement Lab group 2
in Antwerp for Antwerp dancers**

13/07/2025 - 17/07/2025

**Week 3. Movement Lab group 3
in Brussels for Brussels dancers**

20/07/2025 - 24/07/2025

**Week 4. Movement Lab group 4
in Brussels for Brussels dancers**



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The Spirit of Goya is a youth initiative curated by multidisciplinary artist, community builder and project coordinator Alex Akuete, in collaboration with **EUROPALIA ESPAÑA**. Inspired by **the life and work of Francisco Goya**, EUROPALIA invites young dancers between 16 and 25 to reflect on the themes of **representation, democracy, community, and water** through the universal language of dance. **The Spirit of Goya** offers a platform to explore movement and creativity.

If selected, you will have the opportunity to develop your own expressive style while working with emerging talents and professional mentors. Guided by experts such as Gaetano Vestris Terrana, Fanny Christina Van Geel, Yamuna Kyamo Huygen, and Nora Fagbemi, you'll explore diverse dance styles ranging from ballet to urban and contemporary.

In July 2025, you'll attend a **5-day research lab** in Brussels or Antwerp, collaborating with other young creatives in a supportive and inclusive space.

The journey will culminate in a **final performance at prestigious partner venues**, as part of the EUROPALIA ESPAÑA program.



How to participate?

- You are between 16 and 25 years old and you are from Antwerp or Brussels
- Antwerp dancers register by 22 june 2025 **using the following form**
- Brussels dancers register by 22 june 2025 **using the following form**
- Submit two videos by 22 june 2025, **via WeTransfer to alex.akuete@europalia.eu**
- First video : make a minimum 3 min and max 5 min dance video inspired by any work of Francisco Goya you like. All dance and movement styles are welcome. Show us who you are. (You can use your phone or camera to film this)
- Second Video : Tell us about your passion as a dancer or movement artist. Also tell us which works of Francesco Goya inspired your open call dance video and why?
- Both videos should be minimum 3 min and maximum 5 minutes long
- Your personal story and identity as a dancer is more important than a professional edit
- You will be notified by 25 June 2025, if you are selected
- **Twenty young dancers will be selected from Antwerp**
- **Twenty young dancers will be selected from Brussels**



If selected...

- You will have the opportunity to **develop your expressive style** together with emerging talents and Mentors.
- You will embark on a **5-day research lab** in Brussels or Antwerp, collaborating with other young creatives in a supportive and inclusive space.
- You will be able to show your **performance at prestigious partner venues** as part of the **EUROPALIA ESPAÑA** program.

**For assistance,
contact our community builder
and project coordinator Alex Akuete**

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