**Open Call Regulations**

**Subject of the Open Сall**

The Open Сall object is the selection of 10 (ten) Participants for the implementation of the ‘*EX: FROM, OUT, WITHOUT. Mediation for people with expatriate experience’* project (hereinafter, the Project).

From June 25 to August 13, 2023, GES-2 will host a series of mediation meetings for expats (individuals who were born and raised outside Russia and have an experience of moving and living here) who live in Moscow on art perception differences attributable to the obvious differences in languages (native and acquired) as well as in upbringing cultures.

The focus of the discussions and the project as a whole is the process of expatriation and moving. The meetings are an opportunity to share one’s experience and create a collective project that will unite conceptually personalised perception of absence with the context of *A Brief History of Absence* exhibition.

Besides regular meetings, participants are expected to take part in the GES-2 House of Culture public programme, according to the participants’ interests, as well as to meet V–A-C Foundation employees and independent professionals in the field of community work in cultural institutions.

The Project programme consists of 6 meetings that include discussions of relevant topics around expatriation and its manifestation in art (June 25; July 2, 9, and 16; August 6 and 13). The programme is aimed at participants who are over 18 years old and were born outside the Russian Federation and have lived in Moscow for over a year. A degree or a job in the field of art, culture studies, social anthropology and other related fields is a plus, but is not a mandatory requirement.

The programme will take place at GES-2 House of Culture (15 Bolotnaya Embankment, Moscow).

**Information about the Organiser**

Private Institution of Culture «Museum «Victoria — the Art of being Contemporary», registered address: 15 Bolotnaya Embankment, Yakimanka Territorial District, Moscow, 119072, Main State Registration Number (OGRN): 1187700010871.

**Procedure of publishing the information regarding the Open Сall**

Information on the conditions of the Open Сall is published on the Organiser's website <https://v-a-c.org/en/ges2/ex-from-out-without-open-call> on the Internet (hereinafter, Official Website).

The present Regulations, the results of the Open Сall, as well as any information about it is available to the Participants on the Organiser's website.

Participants can send any requests and applications connected to the Open Сall to the Organiser via email to mediationcalls@v-a-c.org, subject line: ‘EX: FROM, OUT, WITHOUT / participant application’.

**Phases and dates of the Open Сall**

Participant applications submitting phase: 30 May — 16 June, 2023.

Participant applications processing and evaluation phase: 17 June, 2023.

Announcing the results and determining the list of Participants – 18 June, 2023.

The Organiser brings to your attention that participant applications submitted after the above-mentioned application closing date will not be accepted.

The Organiser, depending on the number of submitted applications, reserves the right to change the duration of separate phases and/or the results announcement date; the information on these changes will be published on the Organiser's website.

**Participant requirements**

Any individual over 18 years old who has legal grounds to stay in Russia, permanently resides in Moscow and is ready to be present at all the project dates (June 25; July 2, 9, and 16; August 6 and 13) can be an Open Сall Participant.

The Organiser has the right to deny participation to a potential Participant if it is established that inaccurate information has been submitted in the questionnaire and/or the consent form.

All expenses connected to Project participation, including transportation in Moscow, will be covered by the Participants.

**Procedure of drafting and submitting applications**

In order to participate in the Open Сall, Participants need to send to the email address [mediationcalls@v-a-c.org](http://mediationcalls@v-a-c.org) no later than at 23:59 Moscow time on June 16, 2023:

* an email with their name, patronym (if any), surname, age, and a brief answer to the question about the interests of the candidate and their motivation for participating in the Project;
* the filled questionnaire available by the *Typeform* link for the Open Сall;
* the consent form for Project participation (drafted according to the template available for download at the link on the Project page) in a scanned form in \*pdf format or as a legible JPG photograph with a graphic image of the Participant’s signature.

The answers submitted by the Participants as part of the application must be a result of the Participants’ own work and cannot contain illegal borrowings and/or results of third parties’ intellectual activities.

The Organiser provides the protection of the content of the submitted documents and restricts access to the information therein for third parties, except the Organiser’s employees that are directly involved in the selection procedure. The Organiser undertakes to take all due measures to prevent unsanctioned access of third parties to the content of the submitted applications and undertakes not to provide access to them to third parties without the prior consent of the Project Participant.

**Applications processing procedure**

The selection of the potential Open Сall Participants is carried out by the Organiser’s employees.

Processing received applications of potential Open Сall Participants (winners), as well as carrying out other actions envisaged by the present Regulations, falls under the cognizance of the Organiser’s employees.

​​The Organiser has the right to decline an application in the following cases: the consent form has been changed without securing approval of the Organiser; the Participant does not meet the established requirements of the Open Сall. The Organiser has the right to publish summaries about the Open Сall process and is not obliged to inform the Participants about their applications’ processing status.

In the course of applications processing, the Organiser has the right to request additional data and clarification of submitted applications from the Participants. The Organiser’s representatives have the right to interview future Participants on the questionnaire. The date, time, and format of the interview is agreed upon individually.

**Applications evaluation criteria and Winners selection procedure**

The evaluation of applications of the Participants who are candidates for participation in the project, will be carried out based on the following criteria:

* Criterion A: correspondence of the questionnaire submitted by the Participant with the Project programme;
* Criterion B: having well-founded motivation for participating in the Project.

The selected Participants will be deemed Winners of the Open Call.

The information about the results of the Open Call, as well as about the Participants who were selected as Winners (surname, name, patronym (if any), age, place of residence) will be communicated to the Participants individually via telephone or via their email address. The Organiser has the right to publish the names of the Participants on the Organiser’s website and on the Organiser’s accounts on social media while publishing information about the winners.

**Modification or cancellation of the Open Call**

The Organiser has the right to make a decision to make modifications to the present Regulations at any moment of the Open Call implementation. Any modifications made to the present Regulations are an integral part thereof. In the event of making any modifications, the Organiser will publish the updated version of the Regulations on its website.

The Organiser has the right to cancel the Open Сall at any time of its implementation. The Organiser shall not be held responsible toward the Participants or third parties for any losses that resulted and/or may result from the cancellation of the procedure implementation. In the event of cancellation, the Organiser will publish a notice of the cancellation on its website.

The Participants shall cover all expenses related to participating in the selection process, including preparation and submission of applications and other documentation, and the Organiser has no obligations whatsoever to cover these expenses regardless of the Open Сall results.

**Legal framework of the Open Сall**

The Open Сall is not a tender (contest, auction) or a public competition in accordance with articles 447–449 of the first part and articles 1057–1061 of the second part of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation and does not entail any civil consequences envisaged by the aforementioned norms.

The Open Сall shall not impose obligations onto the Organiser for conclusion of a contract with a person selected as a winner. These Regulations do not constitute an offer and shall be regarded by the Participants as an invitation to negotiations.