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INTERNAL COMMITTEES PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTION

To ensure sound participation of its members and ownership throughout CS BODY/IES, the network sets up a series of internal committees. The members will have the choice between different types of committees: **the thematic committees** dedicated to the annual red threads of the network, and the **Fresh 20Y committee**, dedicated to the FRESH event that will take place in September 2023. There will be three thematic committees and one FRESH 20Y committee throughout the 3-year project.

the overall objectives of the committees are:

- to engage with the network and participate in an active way in its governance;
- to help identify the sectors' needs and challenges.
- to provide insights and feedback to the coordination team;
- to go deeper into the annual topics (i.e. **Living body/ies** for the first year of the project);

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEES:

1- Thematic committees:

The network sets up a series of thematic committees (3 in total) to help members engage with Circostrada three different annual topics: **Living body/ies**, **Diverse body/ies** and **Common body/ies**.

These committees are made to strengthen the collaborative fabric of the network and build future tailor-made actions. They give members the possibility to go more in depth into the project activities and contents, allow them to deepen their understanding of a series of contemporary challenges, and help the coordination team to remain at the heart of their sectors' needs.

Each thematic committee will have a mandatory one-year attendance. The committees start in September and end in August of each year. The first year will be slightly different, as the committee will start in January 2022 and will therefore last 8 months (ending in August 2022).

1.1- What entails a thematic committee session?

Thematic committees' sessions will be dedicated to different topics. For example, it might mean providing advice on the content of one activity dedicated to the annual topic, reflecting on one specific need of the sectors that has to be addressed or working on the future thematic publications of Circostrada. The sessions will be accompanied by preparatory documents in order to think about the agenda beforehand and arrive prepared for the sessions.

On the other hand, in order to give some food for thought and offer participants the opportunity to grow and learn throughout the year, the thematic committees will invite an external expert during some of the sessions who will give an inspiring talk and enrich the conversations with specific contents.

1.2 Global calendar of the thematic committees:

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2- FRESH 20Y committee:

The committee will be dedicated to the preparation of the Circostrada flagship event FRESH. Organised in 2023, this international seminar will be held in France and open to all artistic and cultural workers. FRESH will be dedicated for the first time to both circus and outdoor arts and will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the network. The FRESH Y20 committee will give members the possibility to work hand in hand with the coordination team on the preparation of this important event, ensuring its implementation and its coherence to both circus and outdoor arts needs and challenges. This committee will be running for a period of two years (from January 2022 to September 2023).

2.1 - What entails a committee session?

The FRESH 20Y committee's sessions will be dedicated to different topics. For example, it might mean talking about a concrete aspect of the FRESH event production, to give advice on the content of the activity or reflect on one specific need of the sectors that has to be addressed. The sessions will be accompanied by preparatory documents in order to think about the agenda beforehand and arrive prepared for the sessions.

2.2 - Global calendar of the FRESH Y20 committee:

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WHO CAN JOIN THE COMMITTEES?

The committees are for Circostrada members only and will have a maximum capacity of 15 participants for the thematic committees and 20 participants for the FRESH Y20 one, with one representative per organisation. One participant cannot participate in more than one committee at a time. Members **who will be partners of Circostada activities are warmly invited to join either a thematic committee or the FRESH 20Y committee.**

HOW TO APPLY?

All members have the possibility to candidate through a form and may choose between the thematic committee and the FRESH 20Y committee. Applicants can prioritize their choice and may be accepted for their 1st **or** 2nd choice but **not to both**. The coordination team along with the Steering Committee will select members according to a “first come, first served” rule while ensuring that the committees are representative of the diversity of countries, sectors, backgrounds, genders and identities.

If selected, members will be presented on a dedicated page on the Circostrada website and on other communication supports.

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WHAT ARE MY DUTIES AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS?

- Committee members will have to give information, feedbacks and advice on different topics;
- Committee members will be asked to read short preparatory documents and reflect on the agenda before the meeting date.
- Committee members will be asked to be as regular as possible when following the sessions. In case they are not able to attend a session, it is warmly recommended to invite a colleague from their team to represent them instead;

- As far as possible, committee members will have to be present at the General meetings where one committee session will take place.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT AND FREQUENCY OF THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS?

- The committee sessions will take place every two months, starting from January 2022 and each session will last maximum 2 hours;
- The sessions will be held online via Zoom;
- The participants will also have access to a dedicated Google drive and be part of a Google mailing group. Material will be sent before each session, allowing participants to think beforehand on the agenda. The coordination team will try to keep the number of emails sent to a minimum;
- The time zone of the sessions will be designed to be as inclusive as possible, in order to allow non-European members to participate;
- The sessions will be held in English.

YEAR 1

Living body/ies Thematic committee



YEAR 2

Diverse body/ies committee



YEAR 3

Common body/ies committee



FRESH 20Y COMMITTEE



