

Introduction to the EXPERIMENTA Festival

The **EXPERIMENTA Festival** will take place from **17th to 19th February 2027** in Grenoble, France, offering a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in local traditions through music, dance, workshops, and exhibitions.

As part of this opportunity, **80 members** of the SoilTribes Community of Practice (CoP) will be selected to attend the festival, with eligible expenses covered up to a maximum of **€950 per participant**.

To confirm your interest and secure your travel to France and place at the festival, please complete the registration form by **12 October 2026, 23:59 CET**.

- <https://forms.gle/wi534W2RaMCyfC7r7>

Eligibility

- Participation in the festival is exclusive to **members of the SoilTribes Community of Practice (CoP)**. Only registered CoP members are eligible for selection.
- Beneficiaries of the **Multi-Actor Teams Open Call** for lump sum grants are **not eligible** for this opportunity.

Selection Criteria

- A **total of 80 Community of Practice members** will be selected, distributed across the four pillars: **Academia, Society, Government, and Business**.
- Members who participated in the Entrudanças Festival will be given priority during the selection process.
- Remaining places will be allocated on a *first-come, first-served* basis according to registration order, with the first eligible members per pillar to register and meet the eligibility criteria granted participation.
- Gender balance, pillar and geographic distribution across the CoP will also be considered during selection.
- Selected participants will be notified by email after the registration deadline closes.

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- A waiting list may be maintained to fill any places that become available due to withdrawals.

Covered Expenses

A total allowance of up to **€950** is available per participant, distributed as follows:

- **Up to €355** for flights or other transportation to and from the festival.
- **Accommodation**, including breakfast, will be covered and booked by INOVA+ **from 16th – 19th February 2027**.
- **A daily allowance of €65 per day (up to the total: €195)** to cover meals. This daily allowance is a per diem, so, there is no need to provide documentation concerning meals.

Transportation

A travel allowance of up to **€355** is available to cover transportation to and from the festival. Where participants or INOVA+ can purchase their own tickets, reimbursement will be made upon presentation of the required supporting documents (e.g. tickets, invoices and boarding passes). It is mandatory that all invoices include **INOVA+'s VAT number (PT 504 041 266)**. This requirement applies without exception.

Any unused portion of the transportation allowance will not be reimbursed.

Priority will be given to expenses relating to public or scheduled passenger transport, including flights, trains, buses, trams, and metro services, which remain the standard eligible option for all participants.

In case you use your own car, you can include the number of Km performed and a print from the google maps supporting the Km presented. INOVA+ will reimburse a fix amount of €0,40 per Km. Fuel expenses will not be covered. Tools will be reimbursed only in case you present an invoice including INOVA's information (name and VAT number).

Rental cars: in specific cases, rental car expenses can be considered, depending on the participant's specific situation (e.g. limited public transport access). Participants must



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contact the organisers in advance to confirm whether this option is eligible before making any booking. In such cases, the participant cannot present costs with Km.

Flight booking requirements

Participants who book their own transportation are responsible for ensuring that their booking complies with the reimbursement requirements.

Before purchasing tickets, participants are strongly advised to contact the airline or travel provider to confirm that the booking invoice can be issued with **INOVA+'s name, address and VAT number (PT 504 041 266)**. This information **should be included on the invoice** at the time of purchase whenever possible, as some providers are unable to amend invoice details after the ticket has been issued.

The submission of valid boarding passes, invoice and document/email proving itinerary, dates and the name of the person travelling are mandatory and constitutes a condition for eligibility under these Terms and Conditions.

Failure to obtain a compliant invoice may result in delays or the inability to reimburse the corresponding expense. Participants are therefore encouraged to verify the invoicing requirements before completing their booking.

A daily allowance totalling €195 for the three-day period (€65 * 3 days), together with reimbursement of eligible transport expenses, will be paid to each participant following the conclusion of the festival. If for some reason, the participant does not participate in the 3 days, the daily allowance will be reduced accordingly.

Reimbursement Guide Meeting

A reimbursement session will be developed by INOVA+ to clarify the reimbursement process.

Attendance at the **EXPERIMENTA Reimbursement Guide Meeting** is strongly recommended. Participants who are unable to attend should watch the recording before travelling to ensure they understand the reimbursement procedures. Following these guidelines will help ensure a smooth and timely reimbursement process.

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The date and time of the session, as well as the access link, will be shared with selected participants once the selection process has been finalized.

Reimbursement Procedure

- Reimbursement will be processed through the completion of an expense report file, which participants will receive by email. Participants must complete this file and **submit** it, along with the corresponding invoices, to [cop@soiltribes.eu] by **March 5th**.
- **Reimbursements for eligible travel expenses will be processed after submission of valid supporting documentation.**
- Only the submission of **invoices and receipts with the VAT number** (PT 504 041 266) of the **entity responsible for the Community of Practice** (INOVA+) will be reimbursed.
- Failure to include the VAT number on the submitted documents may result in the participant not being reimbursed.
- When sending the reimbursement email, participants must ensure they do not send the documents multiple times. The email subject must be identified as: *EXPERIMENTA_ParticipantName*

The document attached should follow the example bellow:

Country_Name_ExpenseType_Date of Expense

- UK_John_Flight_18022027
- ES_Nadia_Meal_18022027

If you need to convert expenses into euros, please use the [InforEuro Platform](#) and apply the exchange rate applicable on the date the expense was purchased.

Visa and Legal Requirements

Participants must ensure they hold valid passports and/or visas for travel to France. Upon request, INOVA+ can provide a letter supporting the visa application, specifying the purpose of travel.



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Due to internal compliance policies, INOVA+ may be unable to issue visa support letters to applicants who are nationals of, or provide travel documents issued by, countries subject to international sanctions or export control restrictions. Applicants who are uncertain whether this applies to them are encouraged to contact INOVA+ before registering so that this can be verified in advance.

The cost, processing and timely submission of travel documents (visas, passports, travel insurance, etc.) are entirely the responsibility of the participant.

Participants are strongly encouraged to check entry requirements and processing times as early as possible.

Attendance Commitment

By accepting their selection, CoP members agree to attend the festival in full and actively engage in the scheduled sessions and activities.

Participants who need to cancel must notify the organisers immediately and, where possible, before any non-refundable bookings are made on their behalf.

No compensation will be provided for unused accommodation, transport or missed activities.

Participants who withdraw after bookings have been confirmed, or who fail to attend without prior notice, may be asked to reimburse INOVA+ for any non-recoverable costs already incurred and may be excluded from future SoilTribes opportunities.

Data Protection

Personal data collected through the registration form will be processed by INOVA+ solely for the purposes of managing selection, travel arrangements, and festival participation, in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Data will not be shared with third parties beyond what is strictly necessary for booking travel and accommodation and will be retained only for as long as needed for these purposes.

Image and Media Consent

Photographs, video, and audio recordings may be taken during the festival for for communication, dissemination, and reporting purposes by SoilTribes/INOVA+ and as part of the festival's own communication activities.

By participating, attendees consent to the reasonable use of such materials.

Liability

INOVA+ and the festival organizers are not liable for personal injury, illness, loss, or damage to personal property arising during travel to, from, or during the festival, except where caused by their negligence.

Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own travel insurance to cover medical emergencies, trip cancellation, and loss of belongings.

Force Majeure

In the event that the festival is postponed, relocated, or cancelled due to circumstances beyond the organizers' control (including but not limited to public health emergencies, natural disasters, or political instability), INOVA+ will make reasonable efforts to notify participants promptly and will not be liable for related costs already incurred by participants outside the covered expenses arranged directly by INOVA+.

Communication

A dedicated Slack channel will be created for selected participants to facilitate faster, more direct communication before, during, and after the festival. Access details will be shared with participants by email following selection.

Contact

For questions regarding these terms or the registration process, participants may contact **cop@soiltribes.eu**