# **Call for research**

Network of European Museum Organisations



## Call for Research Proposals: Advancing LGBTQIA+ Inclusive

### **Practices in European Museums**

We invite proposals for research projects aimed at advancing LGBTQIA+ inclusive practices within European museums. This call seeks to address challenges faced by museum professionals while promoting equity, inclusivity, diversity, and cultural sensitivity.

#### Main Research Tasks Envisioned:

#### Task: Resource documentation; Analysis and Summary

Proposals under this task should analyse and summarise documentation at the European and national level addressing LGBTQIA+ inclusivity and diversity. Researchers are encouraged to explore how these documents can be interpreted by member states and, where applicable, by the cultural sector. Target: Inventory of existing resources applicable to museums. **Project portion:** 20 %

#### Task: Scenario Development for Inclusive Solutions

This task involves the development of 10 scenarios for museums set in geographically diverse European states. Collaborating with NEMO's network and individuals with lived-experience, the scenarios should serve as practical examples to guide ethical decision-making in museum spaces, supporting the LGBTQIA+ community. Target: identify challenges museum professionals may encounter and offer equitable, inclusive example-solutions.

Project portion: 40 %

#### Task: Guideline Creation for Museums in Europe

Building on the insights from Tasks 1 and 2, proposals should develop an ethical guideline tailored to museums across Europe. Inspired by the <u>Trans-Inclusive Culture</u> Guidelines (University of Leicester)<sup>1</sup>, the guideline should be broadened to encompass a European dimension and reflect the diverse perspectives of the wider LGBTQIA+ community. Both external and internal museum processes should be addressed.

Project portion: 40 %

#### The study should not exceed 50 pages and contain:

An executive summary of the research; diverse scenarios to support museum professionals develop inclusive solutions to support LGBTQIA+ persons in museum spaces; a practical guide for museums to incorporate diverse and inclusive protocols in their museums, graphics and images as appropriate, and a bibliography. **Scope:** While the tasks outlined provide a framework, we welcome proposals that explore related topics or address additional dimensions of LGBTQIA+ inclusive practices in European museums.

**Eligibility:** This call is open to researchers with expertise in museum studies, cultural heritage, and related fields. Interdisciplinary teams and partnerships between academia, museums, and community organizations are encouraged.

#### Considered an advantage:

Established network within the cultural heritage and LGBTQIA+ communities in Europe

The research period is **April 1<sup>st</sup> – August 26th 2024.** 

The maximum budget for this research is 3.500,00 Euro (incl. VAT).

## Applications

Please send your research proposal including methodology, timeline, a description of your relevant experience or motivation and a fee estimate to office@nemo.org.

Deadline for applications: <u>
4 March 2024</u> Extended till 20 March 2024

<sup>1</sup> Trans-Inclusive Culture: Guidance on advancing trans inclusion for museums, galleries, archives and heritage organisations; University of Leicester's Research Centre for Museums and Galleries (RCMG); September 2023