venturenauten

passion & tools for creatives

Further information on our support programme for creative makers and visionary changemakers.

This overview is here to help you figure out if we're a good match, how to apply, what we're looking for, and how we decide together whether our support is the right step for you.

What we stand for

We support people with vision right at the moment when they're on the verge of something big, but just need that final push. We believe in the power of beginnings. In unconventional thinking. In ideas that can create both personal and social change. We believe in you and your growth, even if your path has been anything but traditional.

Our goal isn't just to support individual ideas. We aim to spark momentum that resonates and spreads. We believe that those who receive support today can inspire others tomorrow. This is how movements begin. This is how change happens.

Our vision & mission

We create spaces for creative courage and bold ideas. Venturenauten is an open space for empowerment: a place where people connect, learn from each other and create impact together.

We're building a vibrant community where:

- · Knowledge and resources are shared
- · People support each other
- · Personal growth and social change go hand in hand

Whether mentor or maker — roles shift. Today you give support, tomorrow you receive it.

Who we support and how

We walk alongside curious, committed individuals on personal and social missions. That might be a young pianist given access to talent support and competitions. Or an activist championing disability inclusion through a community theatre project.

Whether you're taking a personal next step or driving creative social change: we're open to bold, thoughtful and unconventional ideas.

You might be a good fit if you:

- · Resonate with our mission
- · Have a clear idea and want to shape your goals with us
- · Are pursuing a project with personal or social value
- Are looking for support that aligns with what we offer

Our support includes:

- A personal connection based on empathy and passion for your project
- · Professional expertise and deep experience
- · Access to networks, funders and investors
- · Workspaces in Tbilisi and Berlin
- Financial support of approx. €5,000 per project

● The selection process — step-by-step

1. First contact & orientation

You can find us through our website, at network events or via personal recommendations. We introduce our vision, values and support formats, and explore a few key questions:

- Is our type of support right for you?
- · Do you have a concrete need?
- Is your project socially relevant?

2. Fill in a short questionnaire

If it feels like a match, you'll receive a quick questionnaire. It helps us understand your idea better and see if it fits our criteria.

3. Personal matching conversation

We invite you to a one-on-one talk (online or in-person) to discuss:

- Your motivation and vision
- Your project and goals
- · Your expectations of the collaboration

We listen, ask questions and see if there's a mutual fit. The space is open and supportive. After the talk, we reflect internally, and we ask that you also take time to reflect.

4. Decision & feedback

We share our decision based on team input:

Green → Let's go! You'll be matched with a lead from our team.

Yellow → Some questions remain. We follow up. If it develops well, funding is possible.

Red → Not a match right now. You'll receive appreciative feedback and, if helpful, alternative options.

5. Agreement

If it all fits, we create a Letter of Intent (LOI) outlining goals, type of support, timeline and budget framework (up to €5,000).

6. Implementation & support

You'll have a dedicated contact person from our team who guides the process. Together, you define how to stay in touch, collaborate and keep things moving. We value openness, feedback and growth.

7. Retrospective & wrap-up

At the end of the support period, we reflect together on:

- What did we achieve?
- What worked well and what didn't?
- Do you want to stay part of the Venturenauts community, e.g. as an alum or mentor?

Our team also holds a retrospective to improve the process going forward.

8. Visibility & knowledge sharing

If you agree, we'll share your project on our website or newsletter. Usage and format will be agreed in the LOI. Insights from your journey will also be archived internally and shared with you.

Ideas grow when people do. Let's take the next step — together.