



TANZPAKT STADT LAND BUND

**Eine gemeinsame Initiative von Kommunen,
Bundesländern und der Beauftragten der Bundesregierung
für Kultur und Medien zur Exzellenzförderung im Tanz**

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To be continued! *TANZPAKT STADT-LAND-BUND* is being extended

On 13th November 2019, the German Bundestag's Budget Committee agreed to extend *TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund*. This means that two further application rounds can be planned and excellence projects in dance can be funded between 2021 and 2025.

Supported by the financial engagement of municipalities and federal states, the federal government is thus continuing to strengthen dance in Germany.

During the pilot phase of *TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund* (DANCE PACT Local-Regional-National), a jury of experts selected 15 exemplary projects for funding. All the projects stand out for their model character and high level of artistic quality. They are creating new structures and networks for dance and are focused on areas of development such as dance for young audiences or dance in rural areas. All the projects display a unique conceptual force and close existing gaps in the German dance landscape. The board of trustees and operators of *TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund* – the Dachverband Tanz Deutschland (Umbrella Association for Dance in Germany) and the non-profit agency DIEHL+RITTER – are delighted that, thanks to the renewed funding, additional excellence projects can be realised.

The foundations for the extension were laid together with the Office of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media. Minister of State for Culture and the Media Prof. Monika Grütters said: *"It is a great success that we can continue the TANZPAKT initiative after an impressive pilot phase. With this programme, we are strengthening opportunity for local dance scenes and demonstrating dance's great potential for society. Some of the funded projects have since received prestigious awards and quite literally set entire regions in motion. With their diverse and innovative alliances and concepts, these TANZPAKT projects are reflecting the full breadth of dance in Germany and increasing recognition of dance. Finally, owing to its unique structure, the programme is exemplary for cooperation projects between municipalities, federal states and the federal government."*

The continuation is based on a resolution by the German Bundestag as part the parliamentary procedure to set the federal budget for 2020.

Member of the Bundestag Ms Patricia Lips said: *“The continuation of TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund up to 2025 means that, including the pilot phase, four national competitions will be held and mark the start of substantial improvements for dance in Germany. The effective partnership-based collaboration involving the federal government, federal states and municipalities is an excellent illustration of how the coalition agreement on co-operative cultural federalism can be successfully transformed into a dynamic practice. TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund is an exemplary initiative that is worthy of imitation and of benefit to all the stakeholders involved.”*

The aim of *TANZPAKT Stadt-Land-Bund* is to realise substantial projects that contribute to the further development, strengthening and profiling of dance in Germany, both artistically and structurally. The initiative supports multi-year projects that are financed by federal state funding and co-financing to at least the same amount by municipalities, federal states and possibly other sponsors in a match-funding scheme.

Information about the promotion programme is available at www.tanzpakt.de. It is anticipated that the updated application documents as well as the exact dates of the information events and application deadlines will be published in the spring of 2020.

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