

## HOW TO CALL UPON THE ARTISTS VISAS COMMITTEE?

# Apply online on Zone Franche website /Visa Section  
<http://www.zonefranche.com/fr/comite-visas-artistes> Artists Committee  
Click on the «Form» tab and fill it in as completely and precisely as possible so we have all the elements for analysis.

#Zone Franche collates and analyzes the requests and then takes action with resource persons if the visa application file has been properly filled beforehand.



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## WHAT IS THE ARTISTS VISAS COMMITTEE?

The Artists Visas Committee was implemented in 2009 to respond to the growing difficulties professionals of the music industry working at an international level were facing to grant visas.

**The Committee aims to resolve deadlocks and support professionals in the music industry when they struggle to obtain visas.**

Its scope of action extends to different music genres, even to other disciplines of the performing arts. All industry professionals are represented on the Committee: artists, producers, labels, touring agents, programers, festivals, theaters, local authorities...

## THE ARTISTS VISAS COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

# **Intercede** with ministries when blockages or difficulties in obtaining visas occur

# **Ensure regulatory and legislative watch**

# **Survey and analyse** the most frequent deadlocks encountered

# **Intervene** with public authorities to improve the procedures related to visas instructions

## WHO SITS ON THE ARTISTS VISAS COMMITTEE?

The Committee involves frontline professionals and institutional actors in a cross-cutting approach and an informal setting.

### Unions and federations

**SFA-CGT, CGT-FNSAC, SNAM-CGT, Prodiss, Ufisc, UPFI and De Concert!**

### International organizations

**OIF** (Francophonie International Organization)

### Public institutions

**CNV** (Songs, Variété-style and Jazz National Centre)

### Ministries:

Ministry of Culture and Communication

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development

Ministry of the Interior

**Zone Franche, the world music network** is mandated to direct the Committee.

## WHO CAN CALL UPON THE ARTISTS VISAS COMMITTEE?

Touring agents, programers, self-produced artists, music industry professionals can contact Zone Franche if they experience difficulties in bringing artists in France.

Zone Franche can not give support within the framework of amateur performances.

## IMPORTANT PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW BEFORE CALLING UPON THE COMMITTEE:

Plan your visa application ahead before contacting us and **make sure your application file was successfully completed.**

### Mandatory steps:

# **Employers must apply to DIRECCTE** (Regional business, consumers, competition, labor and employment Directorate) of their region **to obtain an APT** (temporary work permit).

# **Artists must apply for travel visas** at the consulate of France in their country of residence 2 to 3 months prior to their arrival.

# **Artists must make an appointment with the consulate at least 1 month before the date of travel.**

# **The following documents have to be produced by the artists:**

- Contract of employment stamped by the DIRECCTE (except for self-employed artists who are not subject to subordination)
- Letter of invitation
- Proof of accommodation
- Proof of sufficient resources or proof that the costs related to the stay are supported by the host
- Repatriation insurance certificate
- Plane tickets
- Passport
- Completed and signed visa application form
- Passport photos
- Payment of fees

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

MobiCulture: [www.mobiculturs.fr](http://www.mobiculturs.fr)

Export Bureau: [www.french-music.org](http://www.french-music.org)

French National Office of Artistic Distribution: [www.onda.fr](http://www.onda.fr)

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