

The Bazaar Festival is the grand finale of the two-year programme Identity.Move! supported by the Culture Programme of the European Union and coordinated by the Goethe Institute in Warsaw, the Centre for Culture in Lublin and the State School of Dance in Athens, as well as a consortium of dance and performance art institutions in Prague: Motus/Alfred ve Dvore, Ponec Theatre, Tanec Praha, and Studio Alta. Identity.Move! brings together dancers, choreographers and performers from the Europe's "Eastern belt", i.e. the region extending from the Baltic to the Mediterranean Sea. The project's partners represent 14 countries: Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Germany, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, and Greece. The partners, acting together with a team of performance art experts acting as the project's curators, invited 24 artists to work in duets to explore performative methods of materialising artistic identity connected with historical, social, political, or aesthetic issues characteristic for the Europe's Eastern belt. The artists met at a symposium in Lublin in March 2014 and took part in four residencies in the summer of 2014: at PACT Zollverein in Essen, Old Brewery in Poznań, in Athens, and in Prague.

These explorations have never been aimed at creating a finished product, e.g. a stage production; their goal has been to trigger reflection and the sharing of ideas. Accounts of the whole process will be published on www.identitymove.eu. The artists share their inspirations on the project's Facebook page.

The project's grand finale takes place in Prague, a city located in the heart of Europe. Here, the project's participants will gather together again to work out a way of presenting something that is impossible to present: a research process. It is a brave undertaking and a risky challenge for each of the participants, but also a unique opportunity for the audience to follow an international group of young artists engage in the creative process. Bazaar is the main event of a week of workshops, lectures, discussions, and performances that are part of a interdisciplinary regional festival. An e-book containing background materials of the project will be released to accompany the event.