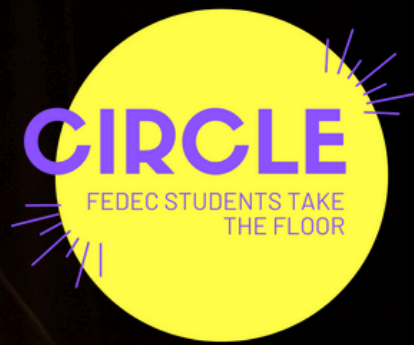


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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION



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# CIRCLE 2025

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# CIRCLE is back!

For its flagship event, [CIRCLE](#), FEDEC is once again bringing together circus students to perform at Circa Festival in Auch (FRA), one of the Europe's biggest events dedicated to contemporary circus. For students, this is a unique opportunity to connect, perform, and celebrate circus arts with an international audience!



In 2025, CIRCLE will take place [from Sunday 19/10 to Friday 24/10](#).

All performances must be inspired by a common theme: '[inside out](#)'. The aim is to encourage students to explore new artistic paths, while connecting CIRCLE to FEDEC current priorities. This year's theme is linked to [Take Care](#), the first-ever EU project dedicated to supporting mental health and well-being in the circus arts sector.

There will be 8 CIRCLE performances, two per day, each presented once. Unlike last year, performances do not have to be exclusively collaborations between schools—though teamwork is still encouraged!

The CIRCLE week will begin on Sunday 19/10, with a welcome meeting. On Monday 20/10, we will hold a workshop on a topic linked to the FEDEC Take Care project. More information will follow.

Is your school willing to participate? Read the following information to find out how!

# 1. What you need to know

## General conditions

- 8 performances, each performed once in the FEDEC Big Top.
- Maximum 8 students on stage per performance.
- 6 persons per CIRCLE will be financially covered (including accompanying staff).
- Performances must be between 20 and 30 minutes long.

## Schedule overview

- Sunday 19/10 @ 17:00 (TBC) Welcome meeting with FEDEC & Circa.
- Monday 20/10 @ 10:00 (TBC) CIRCLE “Take Care” workshop.
- Monday 20/10 in the afternoon (TBC) FEDEC General Assembly.
- Tuesday 21/10 to Friday 24/10: CIRCLE performances take place at 12:00 and 17:00.
- Aftershows: every performance will be followed by an exchange session with the audience.

# 2. How to apply & selection criteria

## Application process

All applications must be submitted via this [online form](#).

Deadline for applications: Tuesday 22/05 @ 18:00.

## Selection criteria

The FEDEC team and Managing Board will select the performances based on the following criteria (in order of importance):

1. Application submitted on time (by Tuesday, 22/05 @ 18:00).
2. Priority for schools that have never (or least recently) performed a CIRCLE.
3. Priority to collaborations over single applications. For collaborations, priority will be given to performances involving schools from different countries and those including at least one school new to CIRCLE.
4. Geographical diversity: priority to schools traveling the furthest from Auch.

Selected schools will be notified by email on the 26/05.

# Participation rules

By applying, schools agree to:

- Create a performance inspired by the theme 'Inside out'
- Stay in Auch for the entire duration of CIRCLE (From Sunday 19/10 to Saturday 25/10)
- Include only current students (Recent graduates who are still following a professionalisation programme in a FEDEC school are allowed).
- Include only students over 18.
- Keep technical requirements simple and feasible.
- Prioritise safety and provide necessary protective equipment.
- Be able to adapt - this is a festival context, so flexibility is key!

FEDEC reserves the right to cancel a school's participation if commitments are not respected.



## 3. Costs, logistics & technical details

### Financial conditions

- Accommodation and meals are provided by Circa for up to 6 people per CIRCLE.
- Extra participants are welcome but must cover their own stay.
- Schools are encouraged to come with their staff and students. In addition to the 6 people covered by Circa, it is possible to book a week's paid stay (boarding accommodation + meals) at a special rate of around €50/day/person (the final price will be confirmed by Circa later). This offer is available to all FEDEC member schools.
- Schools are responsible for their own travel costs and preparation expenses.
- Circa provides shuttle services within Auch.
- Participating students & staff will receive free tickets to see the CIRCLE performances throughout the week.
- Special discounts for other Circa festival shows (details will be shared later).
- Selected schools will be notified by email on the 26/05/25.

## Technical & Safety guidelines

- Our rigging dream team is back! Joppe Wouters and an assistant will be on site to ensure all installations are safe and sound. The CIRCLE riggers will cooperate with a dedicated technical team of 4 people provided by Circa (lights, sound, general coordination) and will have the final word on all rigging and safety matters.
- All CIRCLE schools will be required to provide a [detailed technical file](#), including a risk assessment of the performance and a lightening rider, specifying the disciplines and apparatus that will be used. The CIRCLE riggers have the authority to provide safety recommendations (mats, spotting, etc.) that schools will have to follow when performing.
- In terms of rigging & safety equipment, schools must be self-sufficient. If notified in advance, FEDEC can facilitate some equipment thanks to a cooperation with ESAC.
- All participants [must be insured by their school](#) (covering illness, accidents, civil liability, etc.).

## 4. Important dates

Tuesday 22/05 @ 18.00	Application deadline
Following week (26-30 May)	Selected schools announced
Mid-July	FEDEC sends practical information to the selected schools
September - October	Online preparation meetings with students and staff Review of Circa technical files
Sunday 19/10 @ 17.00	CIRCLE 2025 kick-off: Welcome meeting

## 5. Ready to apply?

[Fill in the form](#) and get ready for an incredible circus experience!  
Any questions? Reach out at: [events@fedec.eu](mailto:events@fedec.eu).