

## European Peripheries Region Inclusion Matrix

#	Name Location   Admin. status	Country	Geographic Remoteness/Accessibility	Low Population Density	Low GDP per Capita	Cultural Distinctiveness	Limited Cultural Access
1	<b>Aruba</b> Caribbean Constituent Country	Netherlands	~7,800 km from continental Europe; only accessible by air/sea	Population: 108,027 Density: ~568 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2024 Stats)	In USD (\$) \$33,984 (2023 Stats)	Distinct Afro-Caribbean, Dutch, and indigenous cultural mix; Papiamentu widely spoken	Permanent performing arts infrastructure is minimal. No dedicated theatres outside of Oranjestad
2	<b>Azores</b> Macaronesia (Atlantic) Autonomous Region	Portugal	~1,500 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 242 497 Density: ~104 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2021 Stats)	In EUR (€) €21,100 (2022 Stats)	Regionally distinct cultural identity, traditional music and dance (chamarrita), and dialectal variations	Many islands have cultural centers and infrastructure for the arts, but access remains uneven across the archipelago
3	<b>BES</b> (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba) Caribbean Special Municipalities	Netherlands	~7,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	<u>Pop. Bonaire:</u> 25,133 <u>Pop. St.Eust.:</u> 3,204 <u>Pop. Saba:</u> 2,060 Overall Density: ~94.7 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In USD (\$) <u>Bonaire:</u> \$28,400 <u>St. Eustatius:</u> \$27 300 <u>Saba:</u> \$24,700 (2022 Stats)	Afro-Caribbean cultural traditions, English-based creoles	None of the three islands has a permanent performing arts venue. Across a combined area of ~328 km <sup>2</sup> , there are no dedicated theatres
4	<b>Curaçao</b> Caribbean Constituent Country	Netherlands	~7,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 147,862 Density: ~333 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In USD (\$) \$22,192 (2023 Stats)	Afro-Caribbean and Creole identity, with Papiamentu as the primary language	Limited permanent performing arts infrastructure
5	<b>Cyprus</b> Eastern Mediterranean Sovereign State (EU member)	Cyprus	~800 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 933 505 Density: ~333 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €35 800 (2024 Stats)	Greek and Turkish Cypriot cultural identity, with separate languages, traditions, and political contexts	Outside Nicosia, access to performing arts infrastructure is limited. Many areas and towns lack permanent venues
6	<b>Faroe Islands</b> North Atlantic Autonomous Territory	Denmark	~660 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 54,482 Density: ~39 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In USD (\$) \$71 717 (2023 Stats)	Faroese language, traditions, and national identity	Outside Tórshavn, most villages and towns lack permanent performing arts venues.
7	<b>French Guiana</b> South America Overseas Department	France	~7,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea, or by car from Brazil	Population: 292,400 Density: ~3.4 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2025 Stats)	In EUR (€) €15,656 (2022 Stats)	Indigenous, Maroon, Hmong and Creole cultures	Outside Cayenne, permanent performing arts infrastructure is minimal
8	<b>Greenland</b> Arctic / North Atlantic Autonomous Territory	Denmark	~2,500 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 56,865 Density: ~0.02 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In USD (\$) \$57,116 (2021 Stats)	Inuit culture and Kalaallisut language	Performing arts infrastructure extremely limited outside Nuuk
9	<b>Guadeloupe</b> Caribbean Overseas Department	France	~6,500 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 380 387 Density: ~233 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2025 Stats)	In EUR (€) €25 903 (2022 Stats)	Afro-Caribbean and Creole identity	Infrastructure includes many cultural centers and a national theatre. However, infrastructure is limited in some communes
10	<b>Iceland</b> North Atlantic Sovereign State (EEA Member)	Iceland	~1,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 383,726 Density: ~3.82 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2024 Stats)	In USD (\$) \$79,637 (2023 Stats)	Icelandic culture (national majority)	<1 performing arts venue per 30,000 km <sup>2</sup> outside Reykjavík Region
11	<b>Lapland</b> (Sápmi)	Finland	Inside continental Europe but very remote, hundreds of kilometers from major urban	Population: ~180,000 Density: ~1,79 people/km <sup>2</sup>	In EUR (€) €46,618	Homeland of the Sámi people, with distinct	Cultural facilities are concentrated in Rovaniemi, leaving large parts of

	Arctic /Northern Europe Region / Sámi cultural autonomy in the north		centers. Many areas are only accessible by air or seasonal roads, especially in winter.	(2023 Stats)		languages, traditions, and Indigenous identity	the region without regular access to performing arts institutions
12	<b>Madeira</b> Macaronesia (Atlantic) Autonomous Region	Portugal	~1,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 256 622 Density: ~320 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €23,675 (2022 Stats)	The region has a distinct identity with its own traditions, accent, and history	Cultural infrastructure is relatively well developed. Funchal hosts several venues, and cultural centres are present in smaller towns
13	<b>Martinique</b> Caribbean Overseas Department	France	~7,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 355 459 Density: ~315 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2025 Stats)	In EUR (€) €27,179 (2022 Stats)	Afro-Caribbean and Creole identity	Cultural infrastructure relatively developed, with a national theatre and several active cultural centers outside Fort-de-France
14	<b>Mayotte</b> Indian Ocean Overseas Department	France	~7,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 321 000 Density: ~856 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2024 Stats)	In EUR (€) €10,600 (2022 Stats)	There is very limited cultural infrastructure	Comorian and East African cultural identity, with Shimaore and Kibushi spoken alongside French
15	<b>Overseas Collectivities</b> (Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Wallis and Futuna, and French Polynesia)  Various (Caribbean, Pacific, North Atlantic) Overseas Collectivities	France	All collectivities are located far from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea: <u>French Polynesia</u> : ~15,700 km from France <u>Wallis and Futuna</u> : ~16,000 km <u>Saint Pierre and Miquelon</u> : ~4,200 km <u>Saint Barthélemy &amp; Saint Martin</u> : ~6,700 km	<u>French Polynesia (2022)</u> Population: 279,000 Density: ~66,9 hab/km <sup>2</sup> <u>Wallis and Futuna (2023)</u> Population: 11,151 Density: ~78,5 hab/km <sup>2</sup> <u>Saint Barthélemy (2022)</u> Population: ~10,000 Density: ~476,2 hab/km <sup>2</sup> <u>Saint Pierre-et-Miquelon (2022)</u> Population: 6 008 Density: ~24,8 hab/km <sup>2</sup>	In EUR (€) <u>French Polynesia</u> €18,356 <u>Wallis and Futuna</u> €10,100 <u>Saint Barthélemy</u> €38,994 <u>Saint Pierre-et-Miquelon</u> €39,778  (2021 Stats)	<u>French Polynesia/ Wallis and Futuna</u> : Indigenous Polynesian cultures <u>Saint Pierre and Miquelon</u> : French-Basque and Acadian heritage <u>Saint Barthélemy and Saint Martin</u> : Caribbean Creole and mixed identities	Cultural infrastructure is limited outside main towns (e.g., Papeete, Mata-Utu). Smaller islands have few or no dedicated performing arts venues. Sparse populations and geographic dispersion restrict regular access.
16	<b>New Caledonia</b>  South Pacific Special Collectivity	France	~16,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 268 510 Density: ~14.45 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2024 Stats)	In EUR (€) €31,584 (2021 Stats)	Strong Kanak (indigenous Melanesian) identity. Over 25% of the population speaks indigenous Kanak languages	Cultural infrastructure is concentrated in Nouméa. Outside the capital, there are few permanent performing arts venues, and access remains limited across the provinces
17	<b>Nordland</b> (Sápmi)  Arctic /Northern Europe County	Norway	Inside continental Europe but very remote, hundreds of kilometers from major urban centers. Many areas are only accessible by air or seasonal roads, especially in winter.	Population: 241,084 Density: ~6.3 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €47,753 (NOK 573,000)	Homeland of the Sámi people, with distinct languages, traditions, and Indigenous identity	While Bodø offers cultural infrastructure, the vast majority of municipalities lack year-round venues for live performance, particularly in island and inland areas
18	<b>Norrbotten County</b> (Sápmi)  Arctic /Northern Europe County	Sweden	Inside continental Europe but very remote, hundreds of kilometers from major urban centers. Many areas are only accessible by air or seasonal roads, especially in winter.	Population: 248,620 Density: ~2.5 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €57,349 (SEK 636,000)	Homeland of the Sámi people, with distinct languages, traditions, and Indigenous identity	Beyond towns like Luleå and Kiruna, most rural and Indigenous areas have minimal cultural infrastructure, with few or no fixed venues for live arts
19	<b>North Aegean Islands</b> (Lesbos, Chios, Psara, Oinousses, Ikaria, Fournoi)	Greece	Between 50 km and 230 km from continental Europe (Greece), accessible only by air/sea	Population: 195 509 Density: ~50.96 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €10,658 (2021 Stats)	While there are migrant communities and island-specific customs, the overall population shares the	Only a few islands (e.g., Lesbos, Chios) have significant cultural infrastructure. Smaller islands have

	Korseon, Lemnos, Agios Efstratios and Samos) Eastern Mediterranean Administrative Region					dominant Greek cultural and linguistic identity	little or no permanent performing arts venues.
20	<b>La Réunion</b>  Indian Ocean Overseas Department	France	~9,300 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 896 175 Density: ~356 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2025 Stats)	In EUR (€) €24,700 (2022 Stats)	Creole and Afro-Indian cultural identity	Cultural infrastructure is relatively developed, especially in and around Saint-Denis and other towns with many active cultural centers
21	<b>Sicilia</b>  Central Mediterranean Autonomous Region	Italy	~3 km from mainland Italy across the Strait of Messina, accessible only by air/sea	Population: 4,797,359 Density: ~186 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €22,900 (2023 Stats)	Strong regional identity, with distinct language (Sicilian) and traditions	Strong cultural infrastructure, especially in larger cities, with theatres distributed across the island.
22	<b>Sint Maarten</b>  Caribbean Constituent Country	Netherlands	~6,500 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 44 254 Density: ~1,301 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In USD (\$) \$39,237 (2023 Stats)	Caribbean Creole identity	The island lacks significant permanent venues for the performing arts
23	<b>Svalbard</b>  Arctic Special Territory	Norway	~1,000 km from continental Europe; accessible only by air/sea	Population: 2 556 Density: ~0,04 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2025 Stats)	GDP not calculated separately from the rest of Norway. GDP per employed person: €137,029	The population is transient, with many foreign workers, but not culturally distinct in the intended sense.	There are no dedicated performing arts venues
24	<b>Troms og Finnmark (Sápmi)</b>  Arctic /Northern Europe County	Norway	Inside continental Europe but very remote, hundreds of kilometers from major urban centers. Many areas are only accessible by air or seasonal roads, especially in winter	Population: 242,452 Density: ~3,2 people/km <sup>2</sup> (2023 Stats)	In EUR (€) €45,503 (NOK 546,000)	Homeland of the Sámi people, with distinct languages, traditions, and Indigenous identity	Troms og Finnmark, Nordland, finnish lapland and Swedish lapland