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Sol·licituds fins 5.07.2026

El projecte guanyador (1.400€) es realitzarà durant la ruta vinculada al Col·loqui Walter Benjamin a Portbou el diumenge 27.09.2026



WALTER BENJAMIN CREATION GRANT 2026

The Contemporary Creation Centre Nau Còclea and the Museu Memorial de l'Exili (Exile Memorial Museum) in La Jonquera are organising the 13th edition of the Walter Benjamin Route from Banyuls to Portbou.

This route forms part of the International Walter Benjamin Colloquium organised by the Walter Benjamin Chair. Memory and Exile (University of Girona, UdG), the Memorial Democràtic (Barcelona) and the Museu Memorial de l'Exili (La Jonquera), with the collaboration of the Portbou Town Council and the Girona Provincial Council.

The route follows the path between Banyuls and Portbou taken by Walter Benjamin, guided by Lisa Fittko, as he crossed the border while fleeing the Nazi police. At the end of this journey, the philosopher took his own life.

Each year, our project invites an artist to accompany the route with a proposal conceived specifically for this context, within the spirit of Walking Art in all its forms and possibilities. The selected project will be carried out during the walk, which will take place on Sunday, 27 September 2026. The grant is open to all creative disciplines (sound art, dance, performing arts, music, poetry, visual arts, performance, walks, public art, land art, etc.).

1. THE ROUTE

The route begins in Banyuls, where participants arrive by bus from Portbou. The bus departs at 8:00 a.m. and arrives in Banyuls at approximately 9:00 a.m. Guidance and coordination are provided by Nau Còclea and the Museu Memorial de l'Exili, which also offer information about the historical events being commemorated and Walter Benjamin's philosophical and critical work.

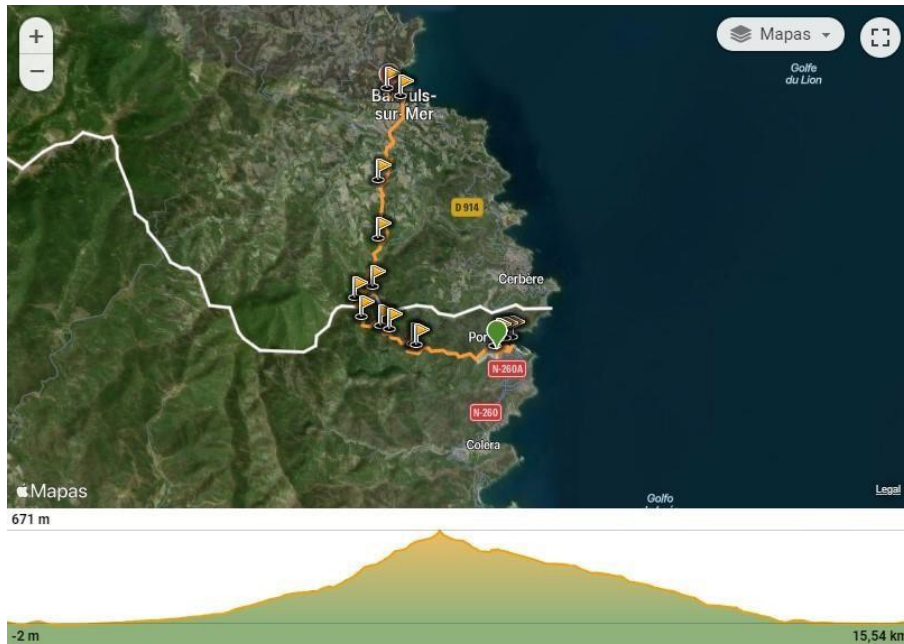
The walk takes approximately two and a half hours to reach Coll de Rumpissó (ascent) and a further two and a half hours to descend to Portbou. The total duration is around five hours. The ascent follows a path through vineyard terraces before entering the mountain landscape. The descent follows a forest track down to Portbou, where participants return to their vehicles. The route usually attracts between twenty and fifty participants of different ages and backgrounds who share an interest in history, contemporary art, philosophy and walking.

The artist or artists may intervene at any point along the route or simply walk together with the participants. It is important not to interrupt the ascent with overly long interventions that may cause physical fatigue. Longer interventions may take place at the pass, during the descent, or at designated rest points.

Nau Còclea will provide information and support to the selected project in order to prepare all practical aspects of its implementation.

Further information about the characteristics and conditions of the Walter Benjamin Route can be found at the following links:

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3. [Ruta senderista Walter Benjamin Portbou -Banyuls](#)
4. [Web Portbou i Walter Benjamin](#)
5. [Web Camí Walter Benjamin](#)
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9. GRANT AMOUNT

Grant amount: €1,400 (taxes included). This amount covers the artist's fee, travel expenses and production costs related to the intervention.

The full amount (€1,400) will be paid after the completion of the project, upon submission of the corresponding invoice including all applicable taxes.

3. APPLICATIONS. DEADLINES AND CONDITIONS

Applications may be submitted until 5 July 2026.

Applicants must send a PDF to resident@naucocelea.com identified with the name of the person responsible for the project and including:

1. Contact details of the project leader.
2. A project description (maximum 5 pages of text). All supporting material must be provided through internet links (photographs, videos, websites, blogs, etc.).
3. A detailed description of how the project will be implemented during the route.
4. A short CV.
5. The name of the selected artist will be announced before 31 July 2026.
6. The selected artist will have time to further refine the project and will receive informational and logistical support from Nau Còclea.

Nau Còclea will confirm receipt of the application within a maximum of five days. If no confirmation is received, applicants may contact us by message or WhatsApp at +34 637 880 565.

4. JURY AND DECISION

The jury will consist of:

Jordi Font, Director of the Memorial Democràtic
 Anna Guilló, Visual Artist and Researcher
 Clara Garí, Director of Nau Còclea
 Miquel Serrano, Historian and Curator at the MUME

Projects will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Creative and artistic value of the proposal: 0–3 points
- Connection with Walter Benjamin’s thought and with themes such as borders, exile, memory and critical history: 0–3 points
- Feasibility of implementation within the Walter Benjamin Route: 0–3 points
- Applicant’s CV: 0–1 point

Maximum score: 10 points.

The jury will select a single winning project.

The call may be declared void if none of the applications reaches a minimum score of 7 points.

The selected project will be announced publicly. The decision will also be communicated directly to applicants and published on the Nau Côlea website, the websites of associated organisations and on social media.

Submitting an application implies acceptance of these guidelines.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The email address resident@nauoclea.com is available for artists wishing to ask questions or request any additional information.