

## Call for solidarity

The French hosting programme for scientists and artists in exile (PAUSE), led by the Collège de France, is issuing an **urgent call** to the French government and to civil society.

Since 2017, PAUSE has embodied France's duty of solidarity by supporting the emergency hosting of threatened scientists and artists from around the world. More than 720 women and men, along with their families, have found refuge in France, allowing them to continue creating, teaching, researching, and building a future despite war, repression, and exile. But today, this essential action led by France through PAUSE is under serious threat, due to the **suspension of evacuations** from Gaza and **insufficient funding**.

### The unbearable wait of PAUSE scientists and artists

**25 PAUSE laureates and their families, selected and supported by France, are still trapped in Gaza.**

They sleep under tents, living through bombings, famine, and endless waiting. In May 2025, this tragedy turned into a devastating loss: Ahmed Shamia, a brilliant Gazan architect and PAUSE laureate, died as a result of an Israeli bombing. Another civilian victim, with a story, a family, and a future. While employment, housing, and support networks are guaranteed for them in France, the fact that they are still waiting makes no sense.

**We call upon the State to mobilize and do everything in its power to facilitate the evacuation** of the 25 laureates, as well as all those—students, families, and individuals in urgent need of medical care—whose lives are under daily threat.

### The urgency of a massive financial mobilization

**Over 100 applications submitted during our last call, yet only enough funding to support 15 people.**

While exceptional funds were allocated for Ukraine in 2022, the State has not maintained the necessary funding to address current emergencies. Our ability to meet the needs of artists and scientists in danger is severely impacted, threatening us with an unacceptable choice to make. In addition to the urgency of Gaza, other major crises are unfolding: Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo...

**We must urgently raise €3 million for the programme by November 15. We call on the State to take responsibility** and provide the necessary resources to meet this historic human challenge. **But this challenge concerns us all** — we therefore appeal to the generosity of both patrons and the wider public. **Your support is essential** if we are to assist people in critical situations, awaited by universities, cultural institutions, and associations. These are lives to be saved, research and creative projects to be carried out, stories to be written.

**How can you help artists and scientists continue their work safely ?**

> **Donating to PAUSE** is the most direct and concrete way :

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> Share this call, talk about it with those around you, and mobilize those who can support us financially