

A questionnaire for the online consultation of cultural stakeholders on the future Culture Programme

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SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU	
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1.3 In which country are you located?	BE Belgium
1.4 Have you heard of the European Union's Culture Programme 2007-13 before?	Yes
1.5 Have you or your organisation benefited from a grant under the Culture Programme 2007-13?	Yes
1.6 Are you or your organisation already involved in transnational co-operation in the field of culture?	Yes
1.7 In which cultural sector do you (or your organisation) operate?	Interdisciplinary
If interdisciplinary please specify the main (up to three) cultural or art forms covered.	Other cultural sector (please specify)
1.8 In which capacity are you participating in this consultation?	A public authority
1.10 What kind of public authority are you?	Regional authority
SECTION 2: OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW PROGRAMME FOR CULTURE	
2.1 Do you think there is a continuing need for a specific EU programme for culture?	Yes
2.2 To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Protection and promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity	To a moderate extent

2.3 To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Promotion of the transnational circulation of cultural works and products	To a moderate extent
2.4 To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Widening access to European heritage and cultural works	To a great extent
2.5 To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Professional development and capacity-building of artists or cultural operators in an international context	To a great extent
2.6a To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Promote cultural cooperation with third country operators	To a great extent
2.6b Should cooperation with third countries be limited to certain predefined countries or would a broader approach be preferable?	A broader approach
2.7 To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Promotion of urban and regional development through culture	To a moderate extent
2.8 To what extent should the new programme pursue the following objective: Widening access to culture and participation in culture for disadvantaged groups	To a great extent
2.9 Would you like to comment on the objectives for a new Culture Programme?	
SECTION 3: ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE NEW PROGRAMME FOR CULTURE	
3.1a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Development of the professional skills of artists or other cultural professionals in an international context	To a great extent

3.1b Would you like to explain your response?	One aim of cultural cooperation is the added value resulting from cross-fertilisation. Capacity building, be it for professional or amateur reason, is an important element towards realising a positive society and self assured, happy citizens.
3.2a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: International networking for exchanging experience and practice (peer learning/peer coaching)	To a great extent
3.2b Would you like to explain your response?	International networking to encourage exchange of ideas and cross fertilisation towards new creations. International networking towards intercultural dialogue and building up a European society.
3.3a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Interdisciplinary partnerships between arts institutions and business to foster the entrepreneurial skills of artists or cultural professionals working in an international context.	To a moderate extent
3.3b Would you like to explain your response?	Not highest in rank but important to remain open and welcoming to creative industries. Important to keep the balance between non-profit/voluntary work and profit making!
3.4a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Creation of new works and performances by operators from different countries working together	To a moderate extent
3.4b Would you like to explain your response?	As long as these new works are the result rather than the scope of international cooperation.
3.5a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Development of a space for experimentation, innovation and risk taking in the cultural sector	To a great extent

3.5b Would you like to explain your response?	In order to remain innovative, creative and independent, it seems likely to allow enough space for experiment and risk taking. It is the driving force towards a growth.
3.6a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Development of innovative digital cultural content, digitisation and new digital distribution and exhibition platforms	To a great extent
3.6b Would you like to explain your response?	Digitalisation is definitely part of our contemporary society.
3.7a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Cultural activities promoting understanding of common European heritage	To a moderate extent
3.7b Would you like to explain your response?	It remains important to educate all EU citizens through knowledge of our common European heritage. This should be a basic criteria of the new Culture programme.
3.8a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Incentives for artists performing or touring outside of their own country	To a moderate extent
3.8b Would you like to explain your response?	Yes, as part of the development of professional skills.
3.9a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Transnational exchange of artefacts or other works	To a moderate extent
3.9b Would you like to explain your response?	...as a result of the international cooperation.
3.10a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Funding for cultural and creative companies/organisations that promote the development of artists and their works in different European countries specifically with a view to fostering cultural diversity	To a small extent
3.10b Would you like to explain your response?	

3.11a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Support to enable artists and cultural operators to overcome barriers to transnational mobility (e.g. legal and administrative barriers)	To a moderate extent
3.11b Would you like to explain your response?	
3.12a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Translation of fiction into different languages	To a great extent
3.12b Would you like to explain your response?	Literature and esp. fiction are part of our common cultural heritage
3.13a To what extent should the grants for literary translation also allow other costs to be included, such as purchasing of rights, publication costs, translation of book summaries and other promotional activities	Don't know
3.13b Would you like to explain your response?	
3.14a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Festivals with a strong European dimension and visibility and featuring works and artists of European significance	To a moderate extent
3.14b Would you like to explain your response?	European festivals seem to have lesser need to be supported than smaller, upcoming ones
3.15a The EU already supports European prizes in the fields of contemporary architecture, cultural heritage, literature and pop music. To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: New European prizes in the field of culture	Don't know
3.15b In which cultural sector(s) should new European prizes be supported?	
3.15c Would you like to explain your response?	
3.16a To what extent is it important for the Programme to support: media initiatives giving visibility to European cultural themes and projects	To a moderate extent

3.16b Would you like to explain your response?	Giving visibility to European subjects encourages European citizenship, so OK
3.17 Would you like to comment on the activities within the new Culture Programme?	
SECTION 4: TYPES OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE NEW PROGRAMME FOR CULTURE	
4.1 The Culture Programme currently supports co-operation partnerships between cultural operators (at a rate of 50%): Is 50% the most appropriate rate for EU co-financing of co-operation projects?	Yes
4.2 EU operating grants currently meet 80% of the running costs of selected European-level organisations (Ambassadors, Advocacy Networks, Structured dialogue platforms). Is 80% the most appropriate level for EU co-financing of European-level organisations?	Yes
4.3 EU operating grants currently provided to organisations in support of their running costs are subject to the principle of “degressivity”, i.e. they are reduced each year. To what extent does degressivity present a problem for cultural operators?	Don't know
4.4 What problems does your organisation face as a result of degressivity?	
4.5 Could you suggest any further specific ways to simplify the application process and the management of the new programme?	
4.6 How could the dissemination of the results of activities funded under the new programme be supported?	
4.7 Would you like to add anything else on the types of support within the new Culture Programme?	As CCP, we have made a common paper with more detailed recommendations, following our mutual experience with the Culture programme and feedback from the field. This will be presented to your services soon. Thank you for this public consultation, which hopefully may result in a prosperous contribution to the new Culture Programme.