

A questionnaire for the online consultation of cultural stakeholders on the future Culture Programme	
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SECTION 1: ABOUT YOU	
1.1 Please state your name (surname, first name)	EU Cultural Contact Point Latvia
1.2 Please state your email address	kkp@kkplatvija.lv
1.3 In which country are you located?	LV Latvia
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?	Other cultural sector
Please specify	Consultancy on EU programme Culture 2007-2013
1.8 In which capacity are you participating in this consultation?	A public authority
1.10 What kind of public authority are you?	National 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 great 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 great 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 moderate 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 great 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 moderate extent
2.9 Would you like to comment on the objectives for a new Culture Programme?	The new Culture Programme should focus more on rural development of countries involved and point out priorities that support more rural organizations that bring out their unique cultural intangible heritage such as their traditions and skills.
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?	

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 moderate extent
3.2b Would you like to explain your response?	
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?	
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?	
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 moderate extent
3.5b Would you like to explain your response?	
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 moderate extent
3.6b Would you like to explain your response?	
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?	
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?	
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?	
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 great 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?	Translation of European works popularizes European culture and supporting translation of fiction lowers the final price of the book and it becomes more available to public.
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	To a moderate extent

3.13b Would you like to explain your response?	The grants for literary translation should also include translation of book summaries, that is essential for Publishers in order to understand will this book be interested for readers or not.
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 small extent
3.14b Would you like to explain your response?	Festivals with a European dimension and visibility not always can show the essence of culture in this or that nation. And there are many significant small festivals in smaller Programme countries that take part in rural areas and invite different international artists that give important input in cultural life of city/town involved.
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	Not at all
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	Not at all
3.16b Would you like to explain your response?	
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?	No - the EU should fund more projects at a lower rate

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?	No - the EU should fund more organisations at a lower level
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?	To a moderate extent
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?	Make application process only electronically and submission of final reports partly electronically as well. at the moment preparation of final reports gives difficulties on currency exchange rates since in case of multi - annual project support, lets say 5 year project, payment orders that happened 5 years ago with money value X and now after 5 years preparing report this payment order sum has to be transferred in EUR and the value changes for Y as the EUR exchange rate has altered over these 5 years. So we suggest that additional row in grant budget application form is added where go losses occurred due to currency exchange. And additional column should be added for final report where organization can tick whether invoice is paid or not.
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?	Yes, there would be necessary support for preparational visits for organizations before real project starts or grants for small events when project partners can meet and discuss on common future project and see the strengths and weaknesses of each partner. There would be necessary to add gradation for grant limits per partner..the more partners are involved in the project and the bigger grant project can receive.