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)	SMILANSKY Blandine	
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1.3 In which country are you located?	NL the Netherlands	
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?	No	
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?	Non-cultural sector - schools, education and training	
1.8 In which capacity are you participating in this consultation?	An organisation	
1.9a What is the size of the cultural department of your organisation?	Not applicable	
1.9b What type is your organisation?	Other	
Please specify	Non profit making association working in the field of education	
1.9c Are you replying on behalf of a representative organisation in the cultural field?	No	
	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 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 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?	The importance of education is not mentionned as one of the objectives to be considered for the new programme. Given that education is one of the main objectives of EU 2020 policy, promoting cultural education (including in particular history and heritage education) is an objective within the new culture programme that should be given great importance and additional funding. Small cultural organisations often have difficulties accessing the European funds, but often they do the core work engaging with communities and being well connected to the European citizens. They should be supported in accessing EU funding, too.	
SECTION 3: ACTIVITIES WITHIN TH	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 moderate 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 great extent	
3.2b Would you like to explain your response?	This type of activities can enhance the European sense of belonging and a better approach of European stakeholders to a globalised world; it also enables key cultural actors to create synergies amongst organisations of various scales and scopes.	
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. 3.3b Would you like to explain your response?	To a moderate extent	

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 great extent
3.6b Would you like to explain your response?	Digitisation of cultural content offer great opportunities in terms of access to culture for all; however it should be accompany by an increased support to these organisations which use the digitised cultural content for instance for educational purpose (help with copyright issues, multilingualism)
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 great extent
3.7b Would you like to explain your response?	Initiatives (specially in the educational field) which create opportunities to compare European history and heritage across time and regions and allow to uncover connections, differences and similarities should be supported. They provide indeed a powerful means to enhance social cohesion in an increasingly diverse European societies by giving multiple perspectives on common themes related to European History and Heritage.

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 moderate 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 moderate extent
3.12b Would you like to explain your response?	
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?	

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?	
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	To a small extent
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 great extent
3.16b Would you like to explain your response?	It is very hard for small organisations to reach out to a wide audience using the visibility provided by media. Cooperation between these organisations active in the cultural field on a transnational level and media should be encouraged.
3.17 Would you like to comment on the activities within the new Culture Programme?	Activities encouraging a close cooperation between cultural and educational fields should be mentionned. The training of cultural mediators such as museum staff, etc. should be promoted since they are the more likely to act as multipliers in this field.
SECTION 4. TYPES OF SUPPORT WITHIN	N THE NEW PROGRAMME FOR CULTURE
4.1 The Culture Programme currently supports cooperation 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 fewer projects at a higher 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?	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?	multi-annual funding should be increased, as a one- year perspective often hinders projects to be sustainable and successful.