

## 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)	Bistolfi, Marina
1.2 Please state your email address	formazione@fabbricaeuropa.net
1.3 In which country are you located?	IT Italy
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.	Visual arts Performing Arts - Music Performing - Dance
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?	Less than 11 employees
1.9b What type is your organisation?	Non-profit-making cultural association
1.9c Are you replying on behalf of a representative organisation in the cultural field?	No
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 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 moderate 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 moderate 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

<p>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</p>	<p>To a great extent</p>
<p>3.1b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	<p>in an international context, cultural diversities are confronted and enrich one another; the international context combats provincialism and provides equal opportunities to all nationals, even if starting from very different backgrounds.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>To a great extent</p>
<p>3.2b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	<p>see above</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>To a moderate extent</p>
<p>3.3b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	<p>it is indeed important to foster the entrepreneurial skills of artists and cultural professionals, but maybe interdisciplinary partnerships aren't the most suitable tool: the national situations are very different from one another, in some cases there might be a risk of commercialisation of culture.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>To a great extent</p>

3.4b Would you like to explain your response?	again: in an international context, cultural diversities are confronted and enrich one another; the international context combats provincialism and provides equal opportunities to all nationals, even if starting from very different backgrounds; transnationally created art works mostly have a "larger view" and can be more innovative.
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?	at least in Italy, the local and national authorities are focusing since years almost only on measurable results (quantity of employed people and duration of contracts, quantity of performances, quantity of sold tickets, etc.); public funds for pure research, experimentation and innovation are disappearing, both in the cultural and in the scientific sector; the EU is becoming the only space where funded research and experimental work is fostered and financed.
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?	it certainly is important for organisations working in the field of heritage, less for those working in the performing arts sector; furthermore, these activities should maybe better be supported by other programmes focused on digitisation in general.
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?	i think that the understanding and valorisation of common European heritage in a broad sense should be a core issue of any international creation, less a specifically funded activity.

<p>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</p>	<p>To a moderate extent</p>
<p>3.8b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	<p>there already are other funds focusing on incentives for individual artists, i think the Culture programme should focus more on collective actions / activities.</p>
<p>3.9a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Transnational exchange of artefacts or other works</p>	<p>To a great extent</p>
<p>3.9b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>To a great extent</p>
<p>3.10b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	
<p>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)</p>	<p>To a moderate extent</p>
<p>3.11b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	<p>i think this should be an issue for the European policies in general, not specifically for the Culture programme</p>
<p>3.12a To what extent is it important for the new programme to support the following activities: Translation of fiction into different languages</p>	<p>To a moderate extent</p>
<p>3.12b Would you like to explain your response?</p>	<p>i think this sort of support should be aimed at fostering translation and transeuropean circulation of non-commercial works, and/or works published in marginal languages.</p>

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 small 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 great 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 moderate 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 moderate extent
3.16b Would you like to explain your response?	maybe other EU programmes more specifically connected with media should focus on this.
3.17 Would you like to comment on the activities within the new Culture Programme?	
<b>SECTION 4: TYPES OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE NEW PROGRAMME FOR CULTURE</b>	
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

<p>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?</p>	<p>No - the EU should fund more organisations at a lower level</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>To a small extent</p>
<p>4.4 What problems does your organisation face as a result of degressivity?</p>	
<p>4.5 Could you suggest any further specific ways to simplify the application process and the management of the new programme?</p>	
<p>4.6 How could the dissemination of the results of activities funded under the new programme be supported?</p>	
<p>4.7 Would you like to add anything else on the types of support within the new Culture Programme?</p>	