

A CULTURAL DEAL FOR A DEMOCRATIC, UNITED AND RESILIENT EUROPE

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Europe stands at a crossroads, facing unprecedented challenges such as war, division, inequality, and polarization. As we witness the erosion of decades of peace, cooperation and progress, we must reimagine and rebuild a Europe rooted in a shared European sentiment and shared values, with culture and cultural heritage at its core.

Europe needs to foster a Culture of Solidarity among states and among people to live up to its founding principles and values.

We believe in the power of culture and cultural heritage to harness diversity, freedom, and human dignity.

Culture is the backbone of Europe's unique richness and identity, its resilience and creativity. In times of crisis it brings us together to imagine solutions for a better future. We envision a Europe where culture drives sustainability and innovation, strengthens democracy, and fosters a deep sense of belonging.

JOIN A CULTURAL DEAL FOR EUROPE

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Culture Action Europe, Europa Nostra and the European Cultural Foundation
**invite European policy makers
to join the Deal and campaign with us to:**

**establish culture and cultural
heritage as a priority
at the highest level of the
EU institutions**

and

**commit 2% of the EU budget
for culture and cultural heritage**

Establish culture and cultural heritage as a priority at the highest level of the EU institutions, and ensure that culture plays a central role in shaping the future of Europe, from digital transformation to competitiveness, sustainability and democratic resilience.

We need a Strategic Framework for Culture (Culture Compass) that drives green, digital and social transformation & innovation and positions Europe as an inspiring front runner on these critical issues for the world.

Commit significant resources to culture and cultural heritage, and increase funding for the arts to reflect their true value in building a united and resilient Europe. This will empower cultural institutions to challenge divisive narratives and promote solidarity, freedom, and human dignity as well as counter populism, extremism, and inequality.

We need a Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) that reflects the value of culture and cultural heritage for Europe, and call for increasing the overall funding for culture to 2% of the EU budget, coupled with considerable boost to the Creative Europe programme.

We must harness the power of culture and cultural heritage for a Europe driven by imagination and rooted in unity, and hope.

Together, we can build a future for Europe as a beacon of democracy, innovation, and shared purpose.

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about the initiators

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Culture Action Europe (CAE) is the major European network of cultural networks, organisations, artists, activists, academics and policymakers. CAE is the first port of call for informed opinion and debate about arts and cultural policy in Europe. As the only intersectoral network, it brings together all practices in culture, from the performing arts to literature, the visual arts, design and cross-arts initiatives, to community centres and activist groups.

www.cultureactioneurope.org

Europa Nostra is the European voice of civil society committed to safeguarding and promoting cultural and natural heritage. It is a pan-European federation of heritage NGOs, supported by a wide network of public bodies, private companies and individuals. It is recognised as the largest and the most representative heritage network in Europe. Europa Nostra actively contributes to the definition and implementation of European strategies and policies related to heritage, through a participatory dialogue with European Institutions and the coordination of the European Heritage Alliance 3.3

www.europanostra.org

European Cultural Foundation (ECF) promotes a European sentiment through developing and supporting cultural initiatives that let us share, experience and imagine Europe. The first foundation with a European mission and vision (founded 1954), ECF believes in the power of culture to achieve a united Europe of diversity, democracy and freedoms, where solidarity, mutual respect and collaboration contribute to a shared sense of belonging.

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