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Artists and social inclusion

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PRESENTATION

Throughout Europe many artists have built up in the last twenty years a knowledge of activity and a praxis of their arts in a close dialogue with their audiences at school, in prisons, on the street, in suburbs, but also in milieus where communication has been distorted. Where sense of belonging disappeared, in a village, a region, a city quartier, they can establish new models of connectivity and raise curiosity and interest of intercultural groups to get together again.

Even if the social impact of their activities is widely recognised, there is still for the time being too little recognition on the political level to sustain the artists' actions. The crisis in public finances has been already evoked so often in the recent years to stop any venture into new cultural projects, and also to regress from the large involvement of regions and cities in cultural projects vs. social inclusion.

At European level, the programme lines "Culture 2007-2013" did pose some ground rules of cooperation and sharing of good practices for all concerned countries, and it is time now at the mid-term of the period to reflect on the pertinence of the support and on the drafting of the new priorities in cultural involvement of the EU for 2014-2020.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:00

Registration / *Artistic event* (video performance)

9:30

Welcome Speeches:

Malika Benarab-Attou MEP; **Helga Trüpel** MEP; **Oriol Junqueras** MEP and **François Alfonsi** MEP

TESTIMONIES / PERFORMANCES BY ARTISTS

Chair: tbn

10:00

Three proverbial conditions

Toni Casalonga, Corsica

10:10

Artist and cohesion

- **Jordi Herreruela**, co-ordinator of the project 'Cases de la música popular de Catalunya'
- **Ahmed El Attar**, independent theater director and general manager of Studio Emad Eddin Foundation, in Cairo
- **Nevenka Koprivšek**, artist and art manager of Bunker and Mladi Levi Festival, Ljubljana

10:40

Verrückte Kunst - art en folie

Hellena Harttung, communication officer and **Andrea Herbst**, artist from Blaumeier, Bremen

11:00

Artists and quartiers/banlieues

- **Christiane Vericel** (Image Aiguë), artist, Lyon
- **Patries Wichers** (International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation - MUS-E arts at school), artist, Brussels / Antwerpen

11:15

Debates

11.30

Informal Coffee Break

EUROPEAN UNION vs. LOCAL AND REGIONAL POLICIES

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11:50

Culture Action Europe

Ilona Kish, Secretary General

12:00

International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation

Marianne Poncelet, Vice President

12:10

Banlieues d'Europe

Jean Hurstel, President

12:30

Wrapping up and actions

Valorisation of artists' actions and recognition of their impact

12:50

Video performance

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