

Europe is in need of a new Cultural Deal, an overarching framework that should demonstrate EU's political commitment to place culture at the heart of the European project.

Culture Action Europe, alongside partners from the European Cultural Foundation and Europa Nostra have addressed the sitting and hopeful Members of the European Parliament and the European political parties, with a new joint appeal. Ahead of the European elections scheduled on 6-9 June 2024, the three initiators of A Cultural Deal for Europe, together with thousands of supporters across EU Member States, ask for a response to their call to action and include a strong cultural dimension in political programmes and electoral campaign trails.

There is no recovery or future for Europe without culture. The European cultural ecosystem is convinced that Europe needs a new Cultural Deal, a transversal, overarching framework that should demonstrate the EU's political commitment to place culture at the heart of the European project.

Culture is what brings us together. It is at the basis of the European project and determines the future of our societies. The gravity of the Covid-19 crisis proved again that culture is not a luxury, but a necessity to build cohesive, equal, sustainable and free societies. A Cultural Deal for Europe is a call from a wider European cultural community to acknowledge the pivotal role of culture in shaping the future of our lives.

The #CulturalDealEU campaign calls heads of states and governments of the EU Member States to devote at least 2% of their National Resilience and Recovery Plans (NRRPs) to culture and show due evidence for cultural and European relevance. It also demands the full inclusion of culture in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the European Green Deal. #CulturalDealEU is also a call for relevant and timely support to cultural workers post-Covid and an appeal to include artists, creatives, cultural workers, heritage operators, independent,

amateurs, non-profits, volunteers, and civil society organisations in the Conference on the Future of Europe.

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