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## Culture Action Europe | Beyond the Obvious 2023

# The 2023 Edition of Culture Action Europe's Beyond the Obvious event invites cultural and creative professionals to dive into topics related to care, well-being, health and culture.

Culture Action Europe announced that registrations for the 2023 Edition of [Beyond the Obvious](#) (BtO) are now open. Handle with Care | Culture for Social Well-being will take place in Elefsina (Eleusis), Greece from 6 to 10 June 2023.

It will open with Culture Action Europe Members' Forum (informal reception in the evening of 6 June, followed by a full day of Members' Forum – for CAE members only and the BtO opening dinner on 7 June), and Culture Action Europe will continue with the Beyond the Obvious (un)conference and a final event of the CultureForHealth project (8-9 June). To enjoy Elefsina in full, we are curating for you cultural visits in the city on 10 June.

Handle with Care | Culture for Social Well-being international get-together invites practitioners, organisations and institutions, policy-makers, thinkers, researchers, activists and artists from the cultural, social and health sectors working on topics related to care, well-being, health and culture.

The multitude of crises our societies are facing today, including the climate and social injustice, wars, pandemic, economic and political upheavals in and beyond Europe, requires an urgent cultural response: a response rooted in care for the planet and communities, care for each other. To navigate these uncertainties, people are in search of a compass, a sense of direction towards a sustainable, democratic, caring future. The Handle with Care | Culture for Social Well-being gathering aims to collectively explore the significance of care as an ethical and political obligation for our societies and the role culture and cultural professionals can play in this. It will specifically discuss the evidence on the role of culture in improving health and well-being. How can culture and participation in the cultural

life of communities nourish the sense of social and individual well-being?

Handle with Care | Culture for Social Well-being gathering will also have a special focus on the CultureForHealth project. The project implements the EU Preparatory Action “Bottom-Up Policy Development for Culture & Well-being in the EU” and has the ambition to trigger a true policy change in the EU by bringing closer the health, cultural and social policies. It aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience in the EU related to the role of culture for well-being and health, map the most relevant existing practices, carry out small-scale pilots and provide a set of policy recommendations.

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