

CULTURE & PROJECTS

Culture for Cities and Regions is a peer-learning initiative funded by the European Commission to share knowledge on how to make smart investments in culture. It focuses on cultural heritage, creative industries and culture for social inclusion, social innovation and intercultural dialogue.

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ROCK - Re-use and Optimization of Cultural heritage in creative Knowledge cities. We are a partner in ROCK, a research project (2017-2020) led by Bologna and aiming to develop and deploy new heritage-led systemic approaches and solutions for sustainable growth in city centres through large-scale demonstration projects. It involves 10 cities acting as 'role models' and 'replicators'.

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The culture forum will focus on key challenges currently faced by cities such as fostering social cohesion through culture and finding new cultural uses for unused spaces. Adapting the roles of local cultural administrations, including developing better partnerships and cross-sectoral projects, will also be central to our activities. The ROCK EU-funded project on regeneration and adaptive reuse of historic city centres will provide valuable input for our work.

WORKING GROUPS AND CHAIRS

Access to culture
Belfast

Creative industries
Ghent

Culture & young people
Dresden & Dusseldorf

Culture as a resource
Oulu

Public art
Turin

LEARN & NETWORK

Learn from your peers in other cities: replicate their success, avoid their mistakes! Get advice and share knowledge with a wide network of colleagues

“EUROCITIES is an indispensable platform for the exchange of experience and knowledge. In numerous cases - strategic planning as well as in concrete projects - we have cooperated with EUROCITIES members, and case studies from other cities have inspired us to take action locally.”

MARTIN ROHMER
culture officer, Munich

“I have never regretted joining the culture forum. I have had extremely valuable conversations, inspiration, inputs, discussions with my European colleagues over the last 15 years that I could not have had elsewhere.”

IB CHRISTENSEN
head of culture department, Aarhus

HAVE YOUR SAY

Influence EU legislation and funding programmes: make sure that the EU helps your city achieve its goals

“Through the implementation of the Culture for Cities and Regions initiative, a peer learning project funded by the European Commission, cities are able to exchange experiences on how to make successful investments on culture. Policy recommendations will be developed and shared with European institutions. We will therefore be able to influence the future European agenda on culture and to convey key messages on how the EU could further support cities to make the most of cultural investments.”

BART DOUCET
advisor culture department, Ghent

GET EU FUNDING

Get early EU funding forecasts and funding briefs
Find project partners
Participate in EUROCITIES projects

“Thanks to the EUROCITIES network, we were able to build a partnership together with Birmingham, Tallinn, Rotterdam and other cities that helped us win an URBACT project called Creative Spin, on how best to connect cultural and creative industries with other sectors.”

FRANCESCA MARTINESE
head of international relations, cooperation & projects office, Bologna

BE VISIBLE

Build an international profile for your city on culture

“Hosting a EUROCITIES Culture Forum was a unique opportunity for my city: not only do you work on topics that are of special importance to your city but key stakeholders from your city get the chance to meet European cultural managers from all over Europe. This is a unique chance to share and experience the narrative of my city and to build true professional and personal relations.”

ALEKSANDRA SZYMANSKA
director of the Culture City Institute, Gdansk

CROSS CUTTING WORK

We work closely with the economic development forum on issues such as supporting creative industries and creative entrepreneurship. We also work closely with the social affairs forum on links between culture and inclusion. For example, we developed recommendations to cities on how culture can help the inclusion of refugees and migrants.