



Culture  
Forum meeting

## Future perspectives for culture in resilient cities

8 October | Online



The online culture forum replaces the Tampere culture forum, which was originally scheduled to take place on 7-9 October but was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic and sanitary risks. Despite physical distancing, it is even more important now than ever to meet and exchange with members and colleagues in other European cities. With this online format, we want to provide a new creative energy after the difficult times and discuss solutions and perspectives for the future in stronger cities.

There is little doubt that culture was a solace in times of pandemic, and artists with their creativity and engagement have contributed a great deal to our mental health and wellbeing during the lockdown. But now that cultural institutions reopen, cultural events happen again (under strict conditions), and audiences are eager to come back, what is next? In this new world, how can culture departments in cities continue to support and contribute to rebuild and restore a hardly hit and tired culture sector under totally new conditions?

During our online culture forum, you can expect interactive and thematic sessions to discuss together these new developments and find potential solutions to our current challenges. We will also share news and updates on what is happening within the EUROCITIES culture forum and you will have the opportunity to (re)connect with fellow members.

<p><b>Thursday 8 October 2020</b></p> <p><b>Online, join us on Microsoft Teams (links to be provided)</b></p> <p><b>Beware! Times are in CET.</b></p>		
<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>Gather, nurture and celebrate</p>		
10.30	<p>Welcome by Jaana Jalonen, member of Espoo city council and chair of the culture forum</p>	<p>The online culture forum will be moderated by the city of Espoo, chair of the culture forum</p>
10.45	<p><b>Our thematic session: Future perspectives for culture in resilient cities</b></p> <p><b>Urban cultural strategies in the context of the current crisis.</b> Keynote presentation by Franco Bianchini, independent researcher, part-time Associate Director of the Centre for Cultural Value, based at the University of Leeds, UK.</p> <p><b>A voice from the cultural sector on European perspectives ahead.</b> Interview with Ása Richardsdóttir, <a href="#">IETM (International network for contemporary performing arts)</a> Secretary General, based in Brussels, BE.</p> <p><b>A turning point for culture in cities? New challenges, new trends, new needs.</b> Open discussion with short interventions from EUROCITIES members.</p>	<p>Moderated by Susanna Tommila, Cultural director from the city of Espoo, chair of the culture forum</p>
12.15	<p><b>A view from the European Parliament,</b> with Laurence Farreng, <a href="#">Member of the European Parliament</a> (Renew Europe Group – France) who promoted the European Parliament <a href="#">resolution</a> on European cultural recovery adopted in September 2020. Her <a href="#">report</a> on Effective</p>	

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	measures to 'green' Erasmus+, Creative Europe and the European Solidarity Corps was also adopted in September 2020.	
12.25	Conclusions, next Culture Forum in Tampere (October 2020) and presentation of the afternoon programme.	
12.30	Lunch time: share your menu in the chat!	Break
14.00	<p><b>Your culture forum news bulletin:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome words from EUROCITIES secretary general Anna Lisa Boni</li> <li>- Goodbyes and hellos: results of the online culture forum elections, words from the former and new forum chairs</li> <li>- Still a hello: meet our new member cities <a href="#">Pau</a> &amp; <a href="#">Metz</a> (France)</li> <li>- Eurocities got a <a href="#">new look</a>! All you need to know by communications director Ivo Banek</li> <li>- Updates from our work on cultural heritage and future opportunities for your city</li> <li>- The culture forum autumn season: next events and activities for members, including online thematic city dialogues, '<a href="#">Cultural Heritage Leading Urban Futures</a>' event and eurocities annual conference</li> </ul>	Moderated by the EUROCITIES team
15.00	Stand up, walk and refresh	Break
15.15	<p><b>WG meetings in parallel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Participatory budgeting for culture as a tool for engagement", hosted by Working Group Cultural resources and partnerships, chaired by city of Oulu</li> <li>- "Impacts of the pandemic on cross sectoral collaborations between culture and other city</li> </ul>	WG agendas with more details will be shared later.

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	departments”, hosted by Working Group Cultural services and culture for inclusive cities, chaired by city of Belfast	
16.30 – 17:00	<b>Talk Talk sessions TBC</b>  Here you can discuss a specific idea or project with other cities, network with your favourite member(s) or have a drink together. Let us know if you wish to host a Talk Talk informal session!	Breakout rooms will be provided on demand