

LIVE DMA MEMBERS' MEETING #17  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**Follow-up of previous member's meeting: share the situation in your regions and the possible reopening protocols with the Live DMA network.**

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<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1FS0gyJURkDk8AgoaUjdg8IdVMms2BuSh>

Italy :

- Venues have finally received the payment of the old recovery fund that were blocked (waited for 6 months)
- It seems that from the 26<sup>th</sup> of april : shows will be possible again, first concerts in open air within the yellow areas (low risk areas).
- The Government is doing a new regulation for the reopening of the Cultural sector.  
From the draft :
  - >More audience possible than expected = 50% of the capacity.
  - >Drink & food available? : do not know yet, KeepOn is waiting for the guidelines regarding music events.
  - >Politicians may use the green pass, vaccine certificate, negative test from 72h in order to attend cultural show and move in Italy and abroad.
- The government just released new support funds available for music sector (live clubs & festivals).
- KeepOn still working with politicians for the recognition of the music sector. In the new fund application, their criteria are being used so it is in good way.
- KeepOn open the dialogue on audience development & gender gap with the youth policy minister.

Basque Country:

- Bad situation: red zone in all Basque country. People not allowed to move, so no concerts. No help from the government and no reopening strategy for Culture.
- Government said that this summer will be more restrictive than last summer.
- Possibility to organise concerts with limited capacity. With all restrictions it is around 20% capacity, so not viable. Bar & restaurant open.
- Until October venues will certainly not reopen (no funds to help them).
- Waiting to have a meeting with government to discuss a future cultural plan.

Spain:

- A lot regulations due to multiple regions. In Madrid, venues may be open, in other areas not.
- No recovery & reopening plan for now.
- Wait for the summer.

### Norway :

- The Government announced a 4-step reopening plan: more of a sketch than a plan for culture.
  - > First step lasts 3-4 weeks.
  - > Step 1 : Concerts allowed with a 100 capacity indoors, 3x200 outdoors (separated zones)
  - > Step 3 -4 : The plan does not explain anything about culture (capacity or bigger events). NKA waits for info from government in mid-May. For festivals, it is blurry, they are eager to know whether or not they will be in capacity to organise them.
- There are different regulations according to the local areas. In some parts you can do concerts, other parts no concerts.
- Still good compensation funds: how compensations affect venues varies.
  - > 200 million€ for the period January-June : If you have cancelled or moved concerts due to Covid restrictions (for venues, artist, production...).
- Not a lot of bankruptcy for now, as long as compensation scheme goes.
- They are waiting for the summer.

### Belgium:

- There will be an important meeting on Friday 23 April about the reopening of the cultural sector with authorities and Cultural operators.
- Worry about the mental health of professional as it is difficult to maintain all the measures they have to comply with.
- Perspectives: Government announced Cultural spaces will be allowed to open when there will be 800 contaminations per day. There is still a long road to go.
- They expect open air events in May: 50 people allowed.  
Then, increasing capacities with the progress of the vaccination campaign.  
June : 100 people indoors – 200 outdoors  
July : 200 indoors – 400 outdoors  
And so on, they guess that full capacity will not be allowed before October.  
A lot will depend on vaccination.

## **DISCUSSION**

*Will countries use the Green Pass as described by the European Commission for the strategy of reopening of Cultural spaces?*

Norway: Suggested to the government for reopening of cultural events. Government consider & looking for the EU to see. Government was also asked to take care of the costs of testing if it is mandatory.

Italy: Advocate for the regulation of green pass if it is linked to the access to the tests by population (free tests or fund to help organisers).

*What about reopening and curfew?*

Spain : 10 or 11 pm now but it seems that it may be over after the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

Belgium : midnight in Flanders, 10 pm in brussels. They must probably stop on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. After this date, gathering over 3 people will be forbidden after midnight.

France : curfew at 7pm. No information about the end of this restriction.