

The situation of artists and the cultural recovery in the EU – Report adopted by the EU Parliament

The European Parliament adopted the final text of the resolution on "The Situation of Artists and the Cultural Recovery in the EU".

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0430_EN.pdf

EU Parliament calls on the European Commission to propose a "European Status of the Artist", setting out a common framework for working conditions and minimum standards for all EU countries.

Member States should also ensure that freelancers and the self-employed, including artists and cultural workers, have access to collective bargaining, MEPs say in a resolution adopted on Wednesday by 543 votes in favour 50 against and 107 abstentions.

After emphasizing the crucial role culture plays the economy as well as in building democratic, humane and civic engagement values, and after highlighting how hard the Cultural and Creative Sectors are hit by the pandemic, the report underlines some key aspects:

- Recognition of the intrinsic value and fundamental role of culture for society and help the CCS recover from the pandemic through a structural and permanent financial help as well as short-term financial measures, notably in the European Recovery and Resilience Facility instruments; dedicating at least 2% of the recovery funds to the CCIs.
- Remove barriers to trans-national mobility and to administrative requirements (visas, social security, access to training...) for CCS workers;
- Call for cross-border programmes for young creators and innovators;
- Call for clear information for CCS workers regarding Brexit;
- Better data for the CCS;
- Urgent need to improve the unstable conditions of artists, notably through the creation of a European artist status; protect their freedom of expression and protect them from any kind of discrimination.
- Authors and performers need better protection from dominant streaming platforms;

KEY IDEAS:

Better access to social security

Defining the status of an artist in the EU

Free training in entrepreneurial skills

Protection against repression and discrimination