

towards a **European Resolution on Culture:**
**Supporting Culture as an Instrument for Values,
Democracy, and Citizenship**



[“A Soul for Europe”](#) invites citizens to work together with their elected representatives in its programme [A Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe](#) to raise awareness of Europe as a cultural project. “A Soul for Europe” invites you to join us in a collaborative work process towards a European Resolution on Culture: Supporting Culture as an Instrument for Values, Democracy, and Citizenship.

“A Soul for Europe” and the Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe propose developing 3 core concepts:

From Engaged Citizenship to Community Development

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe urges all political and civic leaders to endorse culture as a tool to develop active citizenship and community involvement.

Long-term policy visions should highlight that culture provides strong mechanisms for the development of civic values. Cultural actors, artists and their creations should be seen as essential partners of political and civic leaders to maximize community participation and relations.

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe asks the European Union and the European Parliament to further recognize that access to culture develops community relations and a sense of belonging. We ask that during the next legislative period of the European Parliament, MEPs agree that the dimension of culture be added to all sectors of legislation on citizenship where it is currently lacking, including external affairs. In addition, we ask that the European Parliament recommend that the European Union further negotiate this process through the legislation of Member States, guaranteeing impact on the regions and cities of Europe.

Ensuring a Fundamental Commitment to Culture

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe urges all political and civic leaders to promote the cultural dimension of the European project as a necessary, integral and urgent complement to the political, social and economic dimensions.

Long-term policy visions should include a provision for a dialogue between the European Union and the Member States about the creation and implementation of a basic level of commitment to culture and the arts at the Member State level, as a natural extension of the Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe other recommendations.

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe recommends that this dialogue generates a proposal for an agreement on the minimum percentage of the budget allocated to cultural programs by the Member States as a percentage of GDP, reflecting the similar and equal responsibility they bear towards culture.

Streamlining Cultural Competence

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe urges all political and civic leaders to take part in the development of a new cultural policy strategy for Europe.

The European Union, the Member States, regions, and cities should develop a more globally-connected cultural policy with clear stages of collaboration and implementation.

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe asks the European Parliament to advise the European Union to take part in a mutual exchange with Member States, regions, and cities in order to establish a European model for a cultural policy that streamlines and acts as a guiding principle across all levels of governance: a model for positive civic values, citizenship through culture, access to culture, cultural participation and artistic creation.

The Cultural Coalition for a Citizens’ Europe asks the European Union, Member States, regions, and cities to ensure that the cultural implications of any policy are taken in account alongside any environmental, diversity, and socio-economic considerations.

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