

## Round table for cultural policy

**Date:**

9 - 10 May 2007

**Place:**

Deutsche Welle, Bonn, Germany

**Organiser:**

European Music Council, network for music organisations in Europe, European regional group of the International Music Council, dedicated to the protection and promotion of musical diversity; with the support of the European Cultural Foundation

**Target Group:**

European music organisations from both the creative industry sector and the not-for-profit sector; European cultural organisations active in the field of cultural policy; Finnish and German directors of culture departments in national cultural ministries

**Background:**

Many organisations active in the field of cultural policy coexist in Europe. Exchange and cooperation between these organisations leave space for improvement. An approach seems to be adequate especially between organisations representing the creative industries and organisations representing the not-for-profit sector. Synergies could be used in a more efficient way by better coordinating the different lobby activities and by acting with joint forces, whenever a consensus on a political issue can be reached.

**Aims:**

- To strengthen the cultural sector by sharing experiences and develop measures for cooperation
- To strengthen the music sector by advocating with one voice as well as by integrating common interest between the creative industries and the not-for-profit sector

**Objectives:**

- To bring together music organisations and cultural networks with different interests and from different backgrounds: education, professional training, creative industries, amateur music making, professional music making, cultural networks
- To define common interests and concerns in the field of cultural policy on EU level
- To discuss possible common activities
- To prepare a meeting between cultural networks and national cultural ministries in 2008
- To present first ideas to representatives of the German and the Finnish ministries of culture

## **Draft Agenda:**

- 1) Welcome and Opening
- 2) Introduction of the issue: Networking of European music organisations active in the field of cultural policy
  - a) Monitor the current situation and changes in cultural life
  - b) Voice the interest of European music organisations and artists
- 3) Proposal for joint action:  
Conference in first half of 2008 in Slovenia, bringing together the directors of national cultural ministries and representatives from the sector in order to create working relationships
- 4) Discussion and definition of priorities concerning Intercultural Dialog:
  - a) Implementation of UNESCO 2005 convention in the field of music
  - b) Respectful integration of cultural minorities in the European society
  - c) 2008: EU Year of Intercultural Dialogue
- 5) Outlook and future activities

## **Timetable:**

*Wednesday, 9 May 2007*

Afternoon	Arrival of participants
19:00	Welcome and Reception
20:00	Dinner

*Thursday, 10 May 2007*

09:30	round table part 1
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	round table part 2
13:00	lunch break
15:00	presentation of results to representatives of ministries
16:30	reception and informal discussions
	Departure of participants

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