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Template Letter to the national Managing Authorities of the EU Cohesion Funds

Subject: **Support culture and the arts through the EU Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative**

Dear Sir, Madam,

Cultural sector, in particular, the performing arts, has been the first to suffer from the measures taken in response to the outbreak of COVID-19, while they most probably will be the last ones to resume their regular activities, once the measures are softened.

The current crisis has a detrimental effect on the already extremely vulnerable ecosystem of the sector. Moreover, for many art organisations and professionals, the crisis fell on the crucial time of the year when a substantial part of their annual income was supposed to be gained.

Our country will benefit from the EU Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative**.** **As culture and the arts are among the sectors hit the hardest by the current crisis, we request that they receive support through this Instrument as soon as possible**.

Culture and the arts represent a vibrant social resource, carries tremendous intrinsic value and contributes to the economy. We, therefore, hope you will do all possible to safeguard this crucial sector from total devastation. Read the policy [recommendations](https://www.ietm.org/en/rescue-the-arts-plea-to-national-governments) of IETM (International network for contemporary performing arts) for more measures.

Respectfully,

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