

# ARE YOU AN ARTIST AT RISK?

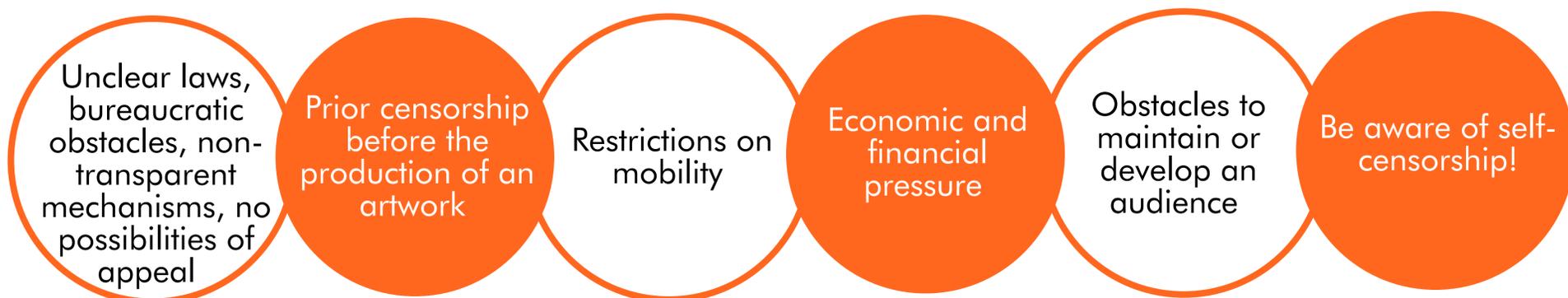
## WHAT IS ARTISTIC FREEDOM?

To be free from obstacles that impede "the flourishing of artistic creativity, that carry an aesthetic and/or symbolic dimension, using different media including, but not limited to, painting and drawing, music, songs and dances, poetry and literature, theatre and circus, photography, cinema and video, architecture and sculpture, performances and public art interventions, etc., irrespective of whether their content is sacred or profane, political or apolitical, or whether it addresses social issues or not".

*From the report (2013) of the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Farida Shaheed*

*This handout is intended for at-risk artists.*

## FIRST SIGNS OF REPRESSED ARTISTIC FREEDOM



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### 7. Join relevant groups

Join trade unions, local or regional networks of artists, human rights groups or cultural rights networks.

### 6. Petitions

Create petitions and collect signatures, or ask a rights group/organisations to write a letter of support with you to raise awareness for your case. These can be used to inform the media, as well as to lobby for your case.

### 5. Media

Make use of media and social media.

### 4. Embassies

Consult foreign embassies or appropriate EU institutions.

### 1. Get in touch

Get in contact with local or international organisations working in artists rights/freedom of expression/human rights areas.

### 2. Are you safe?

If you are not safe, look for safe havens abroad (see ICORN, Artist Protection Fund, Safemuse, Lisière and ArtistSafety.net).

### 3. United Nations (UN)

Consider turning to the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of culture, in case of urgent time-sensitive issues or if violations have already occurred.

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