

## **The State of Artistic Freedom in Europe** *Towards a New Agenda on Freedom of Artistic Expression*

### SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS for the European Parliament

#### LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **The European Parliament should encourage the LIBE and CULT Committee to include freedom of artistic expressions alongside media and academic freedom, in all the legislative activity and research.**
- **LIBE and CULT Committees should task the EU Parliament Research Services to carry a study looking specifically at the existing legal framework for freedom of artistic expression at the European level and at the national legislation of the Member States.** The EU Parliament should involve all the relevant committees and to encourage the role the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the EU Court of Justice in the follow up of such study.
- **The LIBE and CULT Committees should ask the European Commission to include artistic freedom in the Work Plan of the Fundamental Rights Agency, specifically to mandate a research on best practices to ensure artistic freedom in the European Union and devise recommendations for Member States on this regard.**

#### MONITORING

- **The European Parliament should ensure that artistic freedom is included in all the processes regarding potential infractions of the Member States regarding Article 7 of the TEU.**
- **The European Union should establish a EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (DRF), including artistic freedom, requesting individual EU Member States and Candidate States to provide specific information on their fulfilment of artistic freedom.**
- **The European Union should establish and fund a reporting mechanism through which artists can report violations of their fundamental rights and receive support for their legal assistance.**

#### CIVIL SOCIETY

- **LIBE and CULT Committee should promote on-going collaboration with civil society, providing opportunities for civil society organisations to inform the committees on the topic of freedom of artistic expression in Europe, for example in the form of joint hearings on such topic.**
- **The European Parliament should include freedom of artistic expression among the general objectives of Creative Europe expanding the existing provisions related to freedom of media to all the Creative Europe sub-programs (Culture, Media and Cross-Sector strands).**