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Portugal

Contribution
to the Conference on the
Future of Europe

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Make the future of
Europe yours

Amplify is a project working across 12 European countries that brings underrepresented voices in the cultural sector to the Conference on the Future of Europe. During the project, project members work together to write a set of recommendations to EU decision-makers, focusing on ideas, hopes, and demands for the vision of the Future of Europe. Then, after the Conference ends, there will be an opportunity to respond to and publicly advocate for these ideas.

What is the [Conference on the Future of Europe](#)?

The Conference on the Future of Europe is the first initiative coordinated by the European Institutions to offer an open, inclusive, and democratic forum for pan-European, citizen-led series of debates about crucial issues that shape Europe's future. Such issues include Europe's economic and social system, culture, education, climate protection, and the EU core values. The conference will also explore the lessons that Europe can learn from the pandemic. The goal is to receive proposals from people across Europe in order to collectively imagine our shared future.

How are voices being heard?

Through local working sessions, participants will collaborate in a group to write a set of recommendations. These will be submitted on the Conference of Future of Europe platform for the public to see and interact with. Culture Action Europe put forward a recommendation in combination with those of all 12 countries directly to EU decision-makers.

How can cultural communities get involved in Amplify?

Amplify's main goal is to gather ideas, proposals, recommendations, and concerns about the vision of culture in the future of Europe. There are four main parts of the project that rely on collaboration and energy at the community level.

Connect

Identify organisations, projects, and/or individuals in the cultural sector who are working to create access and inclusion within underrepresented and/or marginalised communities across Europe

Plan

Meet in groups to collaboratively write recommendations to be submitted on the Conference on the Future of Europe platform

Mobilise

Start sharing and customising the campaign locally for the Future of Europe and get people interested in sharing their ideas for the Conference

Amplify

In Spring 2022, meet for a live Hackathon event that reacts to the conclusions of the Conference and advocate for key focuses for the future of Europe

Find more information about Amplify [here](#).

Recommendation from Amplify in Portugal

“Amplify: Make the future of Europe yours” is a campaign organized in 12 EU countries, involving cultural and creative communities. These recommendations result from Portuguese sessions with 47 participants.

They were produced by several contacts divided into 2 moments: (a) listening, in which we reached out to 36 sector professionals and collected their ideas about the future of Europe, their local problems, challenges and misrepresentations; and (b) thinking forward, in which 33 professionals gave their insights on three key themes, helping us produce the recommendations below.

Recommendation:

1: Protect the legal status of arts and culture professionals.

Why? These professionals don't have legal status. The pandemic showed their vulnerability.

How to improve it? With a legal framework that ensures health care and a social security system, defined wages and roles.

Why does it matter? Culture and arts are the basis of societies and directly and indirectly impact wellbeing, education, and the economy.

2: Value education and non-professional artistic practices

Why? Artistic education is vital for territories' autonomy and citizens' development.

How to improve it? Investing in these practices and upskilling citizens with them are key elements for cultural citizenship.

Why does it matter? Audiences should claim the cultural offer in their territories. Decisionmakers must understand its importance and fund it accordingly.

3: Decentralize and diversify cultural production and offer

Why? Investments stay close to political power, with prejudice to other territories.

How to improve it? Distributing power, funding and autonomy, investing in cross-sector initiatives and networks.

Why does it matter? Decision-makers should promote long-term policies that drive local development. Cultural experiences improve wellbeing and foster a sense of belonging, creating a common ground for civic values and practices.



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