

## Interim Report of the T4CBC 2016 – 2017

Like in the past years and since 2013, the Task Force Cross-Border Culture/ T4CBC, also this year, organizes a culture conference in one of the European border regions.

T4CBC's main purpose remains the strengthening of cultural actors' capacity in C-B Regions to work together at a transnational and European level.

Last year, the T4CBC 2016 conference took place in Mons, Belgium. Discussed topics were:

- Co-working spaces, Fab Lab's, and artist residencies;
- Culture, health, and new technologies;
- Waterways as cultural vectors;
- Culture in combination with urbanism, landscape planning and citizen participation;

The main topic of last year's conference was the MOBILITY OF ARTISTS and a recommendation paper that was addressed at the European Commission and the Member States emerged from this workshop.

In this, we still need the active support of our AGEG General Secretary to be able to forward these recommendations as decided earlier this year in July.

You can download the final report of the 2016 conference on the AEBR's website:

[http://www.aebr.eu/files/publications/TF\\_CB\\_Culture\\_Mons\\_AEBR\\_Report02\\_Def.pdf](http://www.aebr.eu/files/publications/TF_CB_Culture_Mons_AEBR_Report02_Def.pdf)

This year's conference is dedicated to the cultural and creative industries in the Euroregion Elbe-Labe, and offers international contact and networking possibilities for cultural actors of the entire Saxon-Czech border area.

This year as well, the multiple practical questions and challenges associated with mobility of artists and transnational co-operations such as labour and tax laws, and fees, will be discussed. Culture and landscape planning, urbanism, co-working spaces and waterways across borders are also important themes for this border region and will be thus addressed with the cultural actors of this Euroregion.

In this framework, European networks that support international cooperation and cultural entrepreneurship but also successful model projects will be introduced to the local entrepreneurs and artists.

Main T4CBC partners in this year's conference are European the following networks:

- The *Enterprise Europe Network* for international partnerships and growth;
- The *Trans Europe Halles*, the European organization of non-governmental cultural centres and co-working spaces;
- *LIKE-Culture*: the network of European cities and regions for culture;
- *SMartEU*: a cooperative created by artists and operating in 10 European countries. They provide support for professionalising, legal assistance and support with mobility problems to creatives;
- The *Serra Henriques Foundation*, a Portuguese foundation that is active in the fields of territorial development, European cohesion and cross-border cooperation of creatives;
- The *GFGZ*: the Society for the promotion of cross-border cooperation.

The following pilot projects will introduce themselves:

- *Touring Artists*: a German organization that deals with Artist's Mobility;
- **River Caravanserai**: its preoccupation are third places, nomadic residence and waterways;

- *Creative Hub Euregio CHE*: “the Crea-revolutionary” network that connects artist, audience and public sector across borders;
- *The Three countries Park*: which deals with topics like cross-border water management and green infrastructure as much as the perception of the landscape by people and access to cultural heritage;
- *ILD* (ideas – solutions - implementation) the company for regional C-B development at the Czech-Austrian border;
- *SPACE Collecting people*: an unusual C-B Art crowdfunding. By inserting a coin into a terminal, passengers activate a sculpture in a public place. In this way, people take part in a co-funding project to acquire artworks from young artists;

The T4CBC and the Small Projects Fund of the Euroregion Elbe-Labe will of course also be presented.

In partnership with the Euroregion Elbe-Labe and the National Association of the Cultural and Creative Industries of Saxony, we warmly invite you to the 5th Task Force Cross-Border Conference on 07.11.2017 in Dresden.