



## Stand with Ukraine

The 24th of February 2022 has been a black day for a free and democratic Europe. After 77 years of peace, the Russian Federation started an armed attack on Ukraine and thus another war in Europe. This act not only violates international law and European human rights but also tramples on democratic values such as peace, freedom, and equality. In line with the [Council of Europe's position](#), the Compendium strongly condemns and criticises the Russian Federation's military incursion into Ukraine.

We believe that in times like these, European values need to be reaffirmed and strengthened. The Compendium stands for the strengthening and integration of cultural policies and research of different European states. This task includes the exchange of knowledge as well as the recognition and tolerance of different perspectives and approaches. Therefore, we see values such as peace, freedom, equality, justice, as well as non-discrimination as central to our work.

One European value remains unmentioned so far – solidarity. There are no words for what this war must mean for our experts, their families, friends, neighbours, and compatriots. We can only express our solidarity and support to the people of Ukraine and to all others, who believe in European democratic values. We will try to help in any way we can!

One way to help can be seen in our list of [European initiatives](#) supporting Ukraine and its cultural and creative sector. In the upcoming weeks, we will extend this list with initiatives happening on regional and national levels. This list is by no means complete. We call on everyone to share information regarding support initiatives, statements, funds, petitions, photos, etc. with us. You can send information to the following mail address: [hoerter@kupoge.de](mailto:hoerter@kupoge.de).

Stay safe!

[Read about European support options](#)

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL POLICY

# Conference



30th June  
2022

Host: The National Institute for  
Cultural Research and Training

Bucharest,  
Romania

## Upcoming Compendium event in Bucharest (30.06.-01.07.22)

On behalf of the Compendium Association and our host, [The National Institute for Cultural Research and Training](#), we are pleased to announce our upcoming event in Bucharest that will consist of:

- the **“International Cultural Policy Conference”** on the 30th of June, which is open to a wider public; and
- the **“5th General Assembly of the Association of the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends”** and the **“Assembly of Compendium Experts (ACE)”**, which is taking place on the 1st of July and is only accessible for Compendium members and experts.

### Programme

This year, the programme will focus on the topic of “Culture and Cultural Policies in Times of Crises – Effects, Roles, Transition”.

In times of crises such as the war in Ukraine and its humanitarian crisis, the impact of Covid-19 and the climate crisis, we believe that it is incumbent on all of us to look more closely at how the cultural sector and cultural policy are dealing with this situation or how they should deal with it.

On one side to analyse how the cultural sector and cultural policies are affected by these crises, on the other side to identify the roles and importance the cultural sector and cultural policies can play and finally to have an outlook on existing or potential cultural policy strategies and programmes that face these challenging crises.

A final version of the agenda will be submitted by mid-May.

### Location

We’re excited to announce that our host, The National Institute for Cultural Research and Training, has arranged a special location for this event: the National Library of Romania (Unirii Blvd. no. 22, Sector 3, 030833, Bucharest).

[For more information see the draft Agenda](#)

# //updated reports



**Updated Georgian cultural policy profile**

The Compendium recently presented an [updated cultural policy profile for Georgia](#) - thanks to the enormous efforts of our Compendium expert Ms. Nino Gunia - Kuznetsova (Tbilisi).

Below you can find some highlights of recent developments of cultural policy in Georgia:

- The main goal of the government programme for 2021-2024 (Dec 2020) is to overcome the crisis created by the pandemic, ensuring a rapid recovery and development of the economy to create a stable and secure environment for every citizen.
- Since 2020, the pandemic has contained and slowed down the process of cultural consumption and participation in cultural life.
- Reorganisation saw the recreation of the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth of Georgia in 2021, separate from education and science.
- The re-established Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth plans to create the Code of Culture in 2021.
- In 2021, Tbilisi became the World Book Capital within the framework of the UNESCO World Book Capital programme.
- In 2021, a gender survey was carried out within the project "The information-educational programme to empower women employed in the cultural field in the post-pandemic era."

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### Updated Belgian COVID-19 report

Thanks to your Belgian experts Simon Leenknecht, there is now an [updated COVID-19 report for Belgium](#) presenting the measures taken in light of the pandemic's impacts on the cultural and creative sector.

This retrospective allows a complete overview of the development of the cultural sector – also in relation to the various decisions and measures taken by the governments of Flanders, the Brussels-Capital Region, the Federation Wallonie-Bruxelles and the Walloon Region, as well as by local governments.

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CULTURAL POLICY

# News from Malta

Right to  
Culture



## Kick-Off: Cultural Policy News Campaign

We started our new format called "Cultural Policy News from..." informing about new developments, trends, and happenings in the cultural policy field. This format should enhance the speed of exchange of information and knowledge, as well as, the networking and connection between the Compendium, our members, and other cultural policy institutions.

So far, we spread news concerning the "[Rights to Culture - Research Pack](#)" from the Art Council Malta, the [Atlas Culture des territoires](#) launched by the French Ministry of Culture, and the [conference of ministers of culture](#) hosted by the Council of Europe.

This format will continue on a regular basis. If you have information worth sharing in this context, please contact us.

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