

**Biennial Conference – The Time is NOW****Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2010*****BOZAR Brussels*****18.00                      Opening of the conference****Launch of the Culture Action Europe campaign****Friday October 8th*****Royal Flemish Theatre***

The programme for the conference is concentrated and focused on in-depth debate, to allow space for extensive audience participation and interaction between speakers and delegates. The two 'conversations' of the day will seek to reflect on some of the following questions: What role can/should Arts & Culture play in the further humanization and democratization of the European project? Is the sector capable of bearing such a great responsibility?

- What programmes and initiatives could broaden understanding among policymakers (both elected and civil servants) about the deeper transformative values that can be cultivated through investments in the Arts?
- Is politics about changing rule and law instead of attitude and vision?
- What do we know about how the public imagines as a healthy cultural life? Is there a natural connection between strategic thinking by politicians and changing attitudes/raising awareness among citizens?
- What conditions are necessary to create a "shared cultural space", engaging experiences from different parts of Europe?
- How can the prevailing economic frame of reference in modern Europe be transformed to one that takes social and human development as key criteria for societal wellbeing? Can the arts and cultural sector play a role transforming how we measure progress?

9.30 – 10.00                      Registration and welcome

10.00 - 10.30                      Welcome and framing the day.

10.30 - 10.45                      **Goran Stefanovski** – watching commentary

10.45 - 12.30                      In conversation - the first:

**Daniel Cohn-Bendit\*** – MEP**Birgitta Englin** – Director Riksteatern, Sweden**Mima Simic** - Journalist, CroatiaModerator: **Chris Torch** - CAE and Intercult

- 12.30 - 14.00            **Lunch**  
Lunchtime working session: European CCPs present outlooks for a new Culture Programme 2020
- 14.00 - 15.45            In conversation – the second:
- Janusz Lewandowski\*** Commissioner Financial Program & Budgets  
**Jan Lauwers\*** Director Need Company (Belgium) tbd....  
**Giovanna Melandri\***, former Minister of Culture (Italy)  
Moderator: **Jean Quatremer\*** - Libération (France)
- 15.45 – 16.15            Coffee break
- 16.15 - 16.30            **Goran Stefanovski** - what I saw, what I heard
- 16.30 – 17.30            Wrap-up: turning theory to action:
- 20.00                      Special Performance of the European Constitution – in verse!

**Saturday 9th October**

**Royal Flemish theatre**

**Culture Action Europe - members and invited guests**

**Thematic working groups**  
**Annual General Meeting**

9.30 – 15.00

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