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EFA: Giving festivals a voice!

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Introduction



European Festivals Association: Giving festivals a voice is the title of the two-year EFA **Booklet 2008/2009!** Just in time to be printed and distributed for the high 'festival season', EFA is ready to spread information about hundreds of voices of festivals in Europe and beyond! Another important voice that will be raised in the next weeks and months: **EFA's participation in the European Cultural platforms** set up by the European Union. Read more about all this in these EFACTS!

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Projects and Activities



European Festivals Association: Giving festivals a voice on its way to the printer

The **EFA Booklet 2008/2009** is ready to be sent to the printer. Have a look at the final draft. This informative, concise, handsome and colourful booklet brings the most important information about all EFA members and activities! Thanks to all who sent their contributions for this two-year EFA booklet!

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European-wide visibility to the EFA Booklet 2008/2009

The Secretariat, in close collaboration with all its members, will implement an extensive distribution campaign. The EFA Booklet will be on the table of hundreds of festivals, colleagues, politicians, the press, tourism offices and so forth ([see distribution list](#)). You are of course the first to receive 100 copies. **Please let us know if you need less than 100!**

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Arts Festivals' Declaration: Send your digital signature!

Another important voice that EFA is singing out loudly is the **engagement of arts festivals in intercultural dialogue!** All EFA members signed the Arts Festivals' Declaration in Antalya – have a look at the [pictures of each of the signing parties](#), the Declaration page and our feature on the EU site!

This is the call to the festivals that were not present in Antalya: **send your digital signature** as soon as possible to the EFA office so that their signature can be [included in the signing book](#).

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Declaration in 27 languages: Print the posters with Declaration text in your language

Are you involved in intercultural dialogue projects? Mark them: [27 language versions of the Arts Festivals' Declaration](#) are available on the EFA webpage! They are [ready to be printed](#)! Use it also on your webpage! Feel invited to promote it in your festival season and [add the Declaration logo](#) to your webpage!

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Announcements



EFA rewarded by European Union

For the first time in the EU and EFA history, **multi-annual funding has been attributed to the European Festivals Association**. Next to other 22 colleague networks, EFA receives a substantial support for its European initiatives for the **next three years!** For members' only 4, distributed at the beginning of the year, shows why EFA is an important cultural network at the European level!

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EFA's voice heard in Europe with a seat in the three European Cultural Platforms

Re-enforced by this substantial funding, EFA is continuing its strong engagement in the European cultural debate. The Association now is invited, together with 30 other major cultural networks, to take part in the cultural platforms on '**Access to Culture**' and 'Cultural industries'. EFA was already part of the third platform on 'Intercultural Dialogue'.

On 4, 5 and 6 June, EFA is having its seat in the platforms and will propose to take on a leading role in this new dialogue model between the political level and the sector. **Read EFA's proposal to contribute in the shaping of a dialogue platform here.**

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The Cultural Platforms: a historic step in the development of the European Agenda for Culture

EFA believes that the message of festivals and their important contribution in creating dialogue and enhancing integration needs to be heard at the political level as loudly as possible! Together with partner networks, the voices of the sector will be reinforced!

There are **three platforms**: on Intercultural dialogue (launched by EFAH and ECF), on access to culture and cultural industries, launched by the European Commission in the framework of the **European Agenda for Culture**.

Their historic mission is to facilitate dialogue between the political level and the cultural sector via important networks and civil society organizations in order to shape a future European cultural policy. Read the long-term programme of the platforms here. We will of course report back on the decisions that have been taken!

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And again: Your voice counts! Take part in the Consultation on Intercultural Dialogue

The online consultation on the Rainbow Paper II, a first advocacy document set up by the Platform on Intercultural dialogue to formulate political recommendations on intercultural dialogue, is still one until 13 June: have your say! Read the rainbow paper EFA contributed to very closely <http://www.eurocult.org/uploads/docs/1007.pdf>, the EFA input and engage: <http://rainbowplatform.labforculture.org/>

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A new old voice: EFAH – European Forum for the Arts and Heritage is now Culture Action Europe

Culture Action Europe is the new name of EFAH: EFA as a member of Culture Action Europe was at the official change of the name in Brussels!

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Next EFACTS



The next edition of EFACTS will update you on some summer dates and events to come!

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