

PROGRAM 21 SEPTEMBER, EUROPAHuset:

The Future of the European Project: White Paper and the importance of Culture for the EU. How can Swedish cultural sector influence European policies?

Facilitators: Christina da Milano (CAE & ECCOM) and Chris Torch (Intercult & Timisoara 2021)

- From 09.30 Registration
- 10.00- 10.10 Introduction & welcome
Iwona Preis (Intercult/Europa Direct Intercult)
- 10.00-10.20 What is the White Paper and its five scenarios? What has happened since March and what lies ahead?
Johan Wullt (European Commissions representation in Sweden)
- 10.20-10.40 The White Paper's present connection to culture (and lack thereof?). Cristina Da Milano (ECCOM & Culture Action Europe) will also identify and raise important questions about the role of culture in future Europe.
- 10.40-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-11.30 How does culture fit in the five scenarios? If not, how could the role of culture in future Europe be defined? How could an alternative scenario look like?
Panel discussion: led by Chris Torch with Elin Rosenström (Swedish Art Council); and Maria af Klintberg (Theater Slava); PeO Sander (Uniarts); Yamam Al-Zubaidi (Swedish National Theater)
- 11.30-12.00 How can Swedish cultural organizations take part in shaping the future of Europe? What policy changes are necessary for a flourishing cultural sector, both on EU-level and in a local context?
Panel discussion: led by Cristina da Milano with Iwona Preis (Intercult / Europe Direct Intercult); David Karlsson (Nätverkstan); Mattias Desac (Swedish Regional Theaters)
- 12.00-13.00 Europakommissionen bjuder på lunch
- 13.00-13.30 Co-creating the future, Jesper Lindmarker Founder of The Castle
The future belongs to those who can adapt to an explosive increase in the pace of change. Near revolutions awaits us in AI, peer-to-peer networks, complexity theory, quantum computing, nano tech, genetics, crypto-currencies, string theory, solar energy and countless more fields. Jesper will lead this session in an exploration of the organisational and cultural effects of this rapid change. Why communities, individual development, participatory cultures and co-creation contain insights and clues to help us handle the game rules of the future.
- 13.30-14.30 Moving forwards: discussions about the White paper and possible new scenarios for the future of Europe from a cultural point of view
Scenario #1: Carrying on: continuing as the EU is functioning now
Scenario #2: Nothing but the single market: downscaling the European project (back) to an economic union
Scenario #3: Those who want more do more: focusing only on what seems to "work"
Scenario #4: Doing less more efficiently: A multi-speed Europe
Scenario #5: Doing much more together: EU decides to do much more together across all policy areas
Scenario#6: Culture Action Europe
- 14:30- 15:00 Wrap-up, conclusions and way forward.

