

## LETTER OF INTENT

### to the PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE FOR THE YEARS 2025 - 2030

The Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, the Civil Service and Sport of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as "Sides" have reached the following understanding

#### Project Proposals in the Field of Culture

##### 1. Exchange of artists in residence

The exchange of artists is a valuable contribution to mutual understanding of culture and of great sustainability. Establishing sustainable cultural contacts with a partner country is generally associated with financial, organizational and language obstacles, especially when it comes to accommodation and studio opportunities for visual artists. Both Sides endeavour to set up an artist-in-residence programme (existing or to be created), endowed with accommodation and a scholarship, which will allow one or two artists to be sent annually for a certain period of time and put them in direct contact with the other country and its society.

##### 2. Cultural Work Trainee Programme

Capacity building and strengthening of cultural skills is a core investment in the cultural future of both countries, and so is the ongoing support of artists through different schemes. The Cultural Work Trainee Programme of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, the Civil Service and Sport supports within the frame of the programme „Focus International“ cultural workers/artists from Ukraine in a 2-month internship at a major art institution in Austria. Apart from the internship, which is the central part of the programme, the residents will be offered personal mentoring.

##### 3. Kyiv Biennale

The Kyiv Biennale is an important framework to keep contemporary art scenes alive and to generate holistic art projects but also visionary ideas for the future of Ukraine. In 2025, the Kyiv Biennale will take place in cooperation with European museums. A cooperation with an Austrian museum is also planned. Both Sides are committed to support this important European project in 2025, 2027 and 2029 by means available.

#### **4. Knowledge exchange in the areas of Cultural Heritage and Baukultur**

Both Sides strive to develop an expert exchange on topics of common interest in the field of Cultural Heritage and Monument Protection. It is proposed to take place either within the working programme of the Joint Commission or in a virtual format.

When it comes to reconstruction and the new construction of buildings in Ukraine Baukultur is of utmost importance. The worlds of architecture and design have changed so fundamentally over the last decade that it is key that the newest mindsets, concepts and technologies are used in Ukraine in order to make it a future model for Baukultur. This is also essential for the recovery of museums and other cultural institutions. Both Sides endeavour an expert exchange in this field.

#### **5. Cooperation at European level**

Both Sides agree to cooperate at European level, in particular within the framework of the "Creative Europe" Programme of the European Commission and endeavour an ongoing close exchange between the Creative Europe Desk Austria and the Creative Europe Desk Ukraine.

#### **6. Cooperation on the Ukrainian representation in festivals of performative arts**

Both Sides agree to cooperate in the framework of the Programme of Cooperation aiming at expanding Ukrainian presence at the festivals of performative arts (music, theatre, etc.) held in the Republic of Austria.

#### **7. Cooperation between the Museums**

Both Sides are committed to supporting the direct cooperation between the museums of both countries. Such cooperation is crucial for developing scientific exchange, promotion of culture and heritage of both Sides, people-to-people contacts and *intercultural dialogue*.

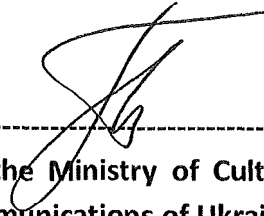
#### **8. Concluding Provisions**

This Letter of Intent will become effective on the date of signature thereof. It will remain effective until cancelled by either Side. The Letter of Intent will not create any legal or financial rights or obligations, and will be implemented in accordance with national and international law.

Signed in Vienna on 15 January 2025, in two original copies in the English language.



For the Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture,  
the Civil Service and Sport of the Republic  
of Austria



For the Ministry of Culture and Strategic  
Communications of Ukraine