



The Future of European Culture and Cultural Policy

Panel discussion on **Tuesday 17 April 2012, 19.30 - 22.00 hrs** at the [Flemish Cultural Center de Brakke Grond, Nes 43 in Amsterdam](#). The event will be held in English. Admission is free but reservations are required.

EUNIC Netherlands is delighted to announce an evening of debate about the future of European culture and cultural policy. The first part of the evening will focus on *Creative Europe*, the European Commission proposal for a new EU programme for the cultural and creative sector, 2014-2020. This programme is based on the idea that Europe needs to invest more in its cultural and creative sector because it significantly contributes to economic growth, employment, innovation and social cohesion. The Commission proposes to increase the funding of culture by 37%. How realistic is this proposal at times of budget cuts? What are the implications of this programme for the Netherlands and other EU member states? **Britta Böhler** (lawyer, former senator for GroenLinks and professor at the University of Amsterdam) will engage in conversation with **Ann Branch** (European Commission, Head of Unit, Culture Programme and Actions) and **Boris van der Ham** (tbc) (Member of the Dutch Parliament for D66, Spokesman for Education, Culture and Media).

The second part of the evening will provide insights into the daily work of distinguished cultural professionals and policy makers from different EU member states. What are the possibilities but also the limits of cultural policy in Europe? What are the targets and visions of European policy makers in the cultural sector? To what extent does regional or national cultural policy also have a European dimension, and how can it facilitate transnational cultural activities? **Britta Böhler** will talk to **Joop Daalmeijer** (President of the Dutch Arts Council), **Donato Giuliani** (Deputy Director Regional Initiatives Nord-Pas de Calais), **Pal Hatós** (Director General of the Hungarian Cultural Institute) and **Barbara Kisseler** (Senator for Culture, City of Hamburg).

Reservations:

Admission is free but reservations are required. Please email Maureen.vervloesem@brakkegrond.nl. You will receive a confirmation of your reservation before 17 April. For further information please visit www.eunic-Netherlands.eu

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