

CULTURE 21 PLUS

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CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

The Committee on culture of the world organisation United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is a global platform of cities, organisations and networks to learn, cooperate and launch policies and programmes on the role of culture in sustainable development.

The Committee works with various founding documents: the [Agenda 21 for Culture](#) (2004); the political declaration [Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development](#) (2010), [Culture 21 Actions](#) (2015), and [The Rome Charter](#) (2020). Moreover, the Committee on Culture runs several programmes to support the elaboration and implementation of cultural policies: [Leading Cities](#), [Pilot Cities](#), [Culture 21 Lab](#), and the [Seven Keys](#).

CULTURE 21: PLUS

In order to stay updated and remain at the forefront of local cultural policies, the Committee on Culture presents a draft of a new tool: **Culture 21 PLUS**, an updated version of the guide for culture in sustainable cities, Culture 21 Actions.

Culture 21 PLUS shapes the roadmap for local cultural policy-making in the next years, thus renovating the learning and capacity-building programmes offered by UCLG to cities and LRGs worldwide, and it responds as well to the necessity of unfolding with care-based and rights-based concrete actions the current political mandate of UCLG, the Pact for the Future of Humanity: for the People, for the Planet, for the Government, adopted in October 2022 at the UCLG World Congress in Daejeon.

The tool provides a framework comprising a series of areas and actions that explore the connections between culture, cultural rights and other fields of local action, in order to position culture as a driver of citizenship and sustainable development of a territory. This framework is based on the experiences of cities and regions drawn from the implementation of Culture 21 Actions since 2015, and also takes into account the changes that have taken place in local and global contexts.

This draft is an initial proposal to start a collective discussion and to open debates among the cities that are part of the Committee on Culture with the aim of building this new guide in a participatory manner. To this end, a pioneer test of this tool will be carried out with interested cities in order to gather their contributions, suggestions and observations, and thus improve this draft on the basis of local knowledge and the specific experiences of the territories.

If your city is interested in the pilot test of this new tool and would like to participate in its development, please contact us!

THE 30 AREAS AND THE UCLG PACT FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

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RIGHTS

1. Cultural rights
2. Cultural and creative ecosystems
3. Cultural expressions of citizens, culture of proximity and the commons
4. Cultural public services, infrastructures and spaces
5. Knowledge and information

COMMUNITIES

6. Culture, inclusion and social cohesion, poverty and inequalities
7. Culture, health and well-being
8. Culture and education
9. Culture, gender equality and sexual diversity
10. Culture, peace, security and coexistence

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PROSPERITY

11. Cultural economy and local development strategies
12. Cultural and creative industries, employment and livelihoods
13. Decent work and socio-economic conditions for artists and cultural workers
14. Culture and sustainable tourism
15. Culture, digitisation and technology

TERRITORIES

16. Cultural territorial planning
17. Culture and public spaces
18. Cultural heritage
19. Public art and urban cultural expressions
20. Culture, architecture and urban design

planet

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NATURE

21. Culture, landscapes and natural heritage and spaces
22. Culture, agriculture, food and gastronomy
23. Culture and ecological and social transition
24. Culture and climate change

GOVERNANCE

25. Cultural strategies and policies
26. System of cultural public management
27. Culture and citizen participation
28. Mechanisms for governance and cooperation
29. International cooperation
30. Communication

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