

Preamble

The Values Charter is a document defining the values of the network LiKE and the rights and duties of the members of the network. It is a tool that highlights the principles that our network stands for.

Signing up the values charter is a necessary condition to participate as an active member, partner and friend to the life of the network and is an act of commitment to the values and principles of LiKE.

The renewal of LiKE goes through the creation of this Values charters, constituting the first tangible step of the new dynamics of the network. Since its creation, LiKE has always been a place of debates, of confrontation of points of view and constructive exchanges. Facing the rise of populisms, the disturbing evolution of some national regimes, the growing euroscepticism, LiKE must ensure that all its members respect the same values.

Our missions

LiKE is committed to the development of cultural policies in Europe. The association works for the construction of a Europe of Culture by the territories in order to open the fields of possible in cultural matters. The definition of Culture adopted by the association is as follows:

«Culture is the set of distinctive, spiritual and material, intellectual and emotional traits that characterize a society or social group» (Council of Europe, Circle and Unesco, Participation in cultural life in Europe , strategies and challenges, La Documentation française, 1994.)

Our ambition : unite in our network elected officials, cultural institutions and natural or legal persons from the Great Europe.

Our missions are to promote arts and culture in Europe, to disseminate good cultural practices, to promote cooperation between cultural actors in Europe, to lead debates and reflections as well as projects for better cultural policies in Europe.

The objectives that bring us together

- * To promote the integration and the continuation of the European construction through culture
- * To allow equal access for all to arts and culture, to consider culture as an essential factor in the lives of individuals and in the functioning of our societies
- * To work for sustainable cultural policies, concerned with social, societal and environmental issues
- * To promote decentralisation and strong and empowered local and regional authorities ; to encourage dialogue between the local authorities and the citizens ; to promote exchanges between countries at the local level, the sharing of the knowledge and best practices ; to consider Europe as a peaceful and constructive space of cooperation
- * To foster creativity and the «living-together».

The values that bring us together

- * The respect for human rights
- * The respect for ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious pluralisms ; the respect for the diversity of expressions and artistic forms ; tolerance and solidarity, as principles of «living together»
- * The respect for democracy and good governance, the respect for equality between men and women
- * The respect for freedom of expression (in compliance with the previous points).

LIKE is committed to

- * be independent and have a democratic functioning
- * diversify the composition of its instances bodies, respecting cultural diversity and minorities, respecting the equality between women and men, respecting the geographical diversity, representing all European cities and cultural institutions members of the network regardless of their size and country, provided they respect the values of the network

I undersigned _____, representing _____
confirms that my institution has acknowledged LIKE's Values Charter and commits to respect its values and principles.

Signature