

The challenge of COHERENCE:

Even if a certain level of incoherence in cultural action may be seen as a democratic necessity, cultural policies should be based on a provisional stabilization of values that are constantly in tension. A cultural policy is always a compromise between heterogeneous visions that combine artistic excellence, social access, cultural rights, the creative economy, and social identification through culture.

PROBLEMS, GAPS, INADEQUACIES

- A governmental imperative demands to align values with principles of effectiveness and efficiency.
- An interpretative tension exists between hierarchy and heterogeneity of values within politics and society.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Value conflicts should be resolved democratically, with transparency.
- Performativity and effectivity should be pursued ensuring values.
- Designing, assessing instruments, resources allocation should be established according to values.

INSTRUMENTS AND ACTIONS

European	National	Local
Organize an open forum on the social values of culture, to clarify the ambitions of the Union's cultural policy, at the start of the new parliamentary term.	Encourage a strategic linkage between the social values of culture and the social, territorial and artistic distribution of cultural budgets.	Organize participatory forums discussing the values underlying cultural policies and the resources offered to different stakeholders.