

## The transforming power of cultural and creative industries

## **Thematic workshop**

Venue: Art Academy of Latvia (Kalpaka bulvāris 13, Centra rajons, Riga)

Date: 4 June 2019

Agenda	
9h00	Registration (welcome coffee)
9h30	<ul> <li>Welcome &amp; Introduction</li> <li>Welcome words:         <ul> <li>Ilga Gruševa, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia – Interreg Europe National Point of Contact</li> <li>Erwin Siweris, Interreg Europe programme director</li> </ul> </li> <li>Introduction and objectives of the day:         <ul> <li>Rene Tõnnisson &amp; Luc Schmerber, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform thematic experts – SME competitiveness</li> <li>Thorsten Kohlisch, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform project manager</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9h45	<ul> <li>State of Creative and Cultural Industries and relevant policies in Europe</li> <li>European state of the art         Rasmus Wiinstedt Tscherning (CEO and Founder of Creative Business Cup, a global competition for entrepreneurs from the creative industries, Official Speaker for the European Commission DG Education and Culture, 1997-2008, former Chairman of European Creative Industries Alliance)</li> <li>Creative Industries Development in Latvia         Mr.Uldis Zariņš, State under Secretary, Head of Culture Policy Department of Latvian Ministry of Culture</li> <li>Questions – Discussion         Moderation: Rene Tõnnisson &amp; Luc Schmerber</li> </ul>
10h30	Ice-breaking exercise
11h00	Coffee break
11h30	Cultural and Creative Industries - Policies and strategies in Interreg Europe projects  RCIA project Presentation from the good practice Creative Industries Strategy for Austria and how it leads to initiate policy changes within the RCIA regions (Action Plans under development).



	CRE:HUB project     Overview of policies to be implemented in the framework of the regional Action Plans
	Interactive groupwork
	The participants will be split in up to 3 groups, according to the number of participants.
	Within each group, the overview of challenges and policies provided in the impulse presentation will be discussed and completed with inputs from the participants.
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13h00	Networking lunch
14h00	Study visit at the Creative industries incubator (5 minutes walk)
	Back to Art Academy of Latvia
15h15	Putting theory into practice: innovative instruments and support schemes
	Building on the visit performed at the Creative industries incubator, the participants will be invited to an interactive session on practical instruments and schemes (incubators, co-working spaces, hubs, vouchers) aiming to improve the development of CCIs and foster their transforming power for other sectors.
	Interactive groupwork – exchange on challenges, approaches and planned activities
	Topics:
	<ul> <li>Tools fostering the competitiveness of CCIs,</li> <li>Access to funding for CCIs,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tools fostering the contribution of CCIs to other sectors.</li> </ul>
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16h30	Conclusions of the workshop
	The participants will be invited tot take part in an exercise aiming at collecting their take away messages and suggestions for follow-up activities and potential synergies.
	Concluding remarks
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16h45	End of workshop and networking cocktail
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