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Subject: Support for and Solidarity with Ukrainian culture, including cultural heritage  
– Policy debate

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In the context of the preparations for the policy debate to take place at the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 29 November 2022 (see doc. 14437/1/22 REV 1), the Presidency has been in contact with the Ukrainian Ministry of Culture, which has set out its main needs regarding cultural reconstruction. This information, which is of an informal indicative nature, is set out in Annex I and Annex II to this Note<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> These documents have been transmitted by the Ukrainian authorities in English only, and have not been translated

## **1. SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN ARTISTS, CULTURAL MANAGERS AND JOURNALISTS**

80% of artists, cultural managers and journalists are staying and working in Ukraine. Our cultural institutions have experienced sharp drop in their usual revenues despite the fact the many of them are working now with their audiences. We have estimated this drop as a 40% decline. That means that institutions cannot fulfil their obligations and pay utilities and wages in full. Furthermore, financial support from the local and state budgets is also tightened as the priority funding now is defence and social security.

Support to cultural sphere in the form of grants to institutions or stipends for individual artists is of utmost importance for Ukraine now to protect the consistency of artistic activity, cultural expression, which is the base for social cohesion and communities' resilience. This support could be realized through the well-established institution – **Ukrainian Cultural Foundation** ([www.ucf.in.ua](http://www.ucf.in.ua)). The total amount of funding envisaged for the distribution by the UCF for 2022 was more than **€20 mln**. Unfortunately, due to the state budget sequestration, this amount was almost completely cut, leaving wages for the team unchanged. The UCF with their wide experts' network is ready to work in collaboration with any other international organization to provide the full-cycle support in applications' accepting, assessment and grants or stipends distribution process.

## **2. SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN PUBLISHERS AND LIBRARIES**

We would be grateful for the support of Ukrainian publishers within Ukraine. As many creative industries in the country they are experiencing sharp drop in revenues, loss of people working in their teams, deficit of the materials and logistics problems. The **Ukrainian Book Institute** is the main institution providing support to Ukrainian publishers and is replenishing the Ukrainian libraries' book funds. For 2022 the total amount of the UIB was planned at the level of around **€10 mln**, with strategic plans of promoting Ukrainian literature abroad, granting support to local publishers, providing grants for foreign publishers for translation of Ukrainian literature into European languages. As you know, this budget was also cut during the state budget sequestrations. So, your support through the UIB would be invaluable for Ukrainian publishing sector.

## **3. MEDIA SUPPORT AND COORDINATION VIA “INFORMATIONAL RAMMSTEIN”**

Independent media in Ukraine are now facing the question of survival. Advertising market, the main source of revenues, has dropped by 70% for printed and online media, by 90% for TV and radio. About 40% of personnel were laid off. Supporting the sustainability and operational capacity of Ukrainian media is of utmost importance not only for our country, but for the whole civilized world, as they are fighting at the informational front. Ukrainian Centre of Strategic Communication works to debunk Russian propaganda, disinformation and fakes. With these poisoning messages Russia deceives the whole world. That is why it's so important to coordinate our efforts in fighting propagandistic and fake news. “**Informational Rammstein**” could become a platform for quick coordination, exchange of data and experience in countering information threats.

We would like to ask to initiate establishing of the **unified European cultural fund** dedicated to urgent support to Ukrainian culture and media during the war. We strongly believe that this initiative would help to safeguard the European cultural heritage and to preserve cultural diversity in Europe. Total amount of funds necessary for cultural and media sphere in Ukraine is estimated at **€250 mln**:

- support to Ukrainian cultural institutions and media (and indirectly to Ukrainian artists, cultural managers, journalists) which could be realized via Ukrainian Cultural Foundation and Ukrainian Book Institute: **€50 mln in 2022**.
- urgent protection for cultural institutions and cultural heritage sites before the winter (conservation works to protect damaged buildings, electric generators, emergency equipment like fire extinguishers, humidifiers, air dryers, electric heaters, etc.): **€65 mln in 2022**.
- digitalisation projects: **€5 mln in 2022**.
- assessing damages, designing and preparatory works before the restoration, restoration works at more than 800 cultural institutions: **€130 mln in 2023-2024**.

**Request for equipment supply for Ukraine cultural assets protection  
In the context of securing/safeguarding cultural values in loco**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Bubble wrap (rolls)	as much as possible
Power generators (diesel, gasoline)	3000
PVC power wires	as much as possible
Fire extinguishers	6496
Electric heaters (oil, inverter, ceramic, infrared)	1228
Polyethylene film (rolls)	as many as possible
Archive boxes (three-layer corrugated cardboard)	300
Kraft paper (rolls)	as many as possible
Wrapping paper (rolls)	as many as possible
Archive folders/files A4	200
Climatic boxes	50
Fireproof fabric	as much as possible
Micalent paper	as many as possible
Tyvek by Dupon (rolls)	12
Tubes	15
Multiplex film (rolls)	3

Corrugated cardboard	as much as possible
Cardboard boxes (different size)	as many as possible
Silica gel powder	5 kg
Motor pumps	3
PVC film (rolls)	as many as possible
Agricultural fibre	as much as possible
Heat guns	32
Dehumidifiers	150
Battery accumulators	325
Moisture-resistant OSB (oriented strand board)	3000
Rechargeable LED flashlights	350
Polyethylene foam	as much as possible
Clothes covers	200
Micalent paper	as much as possible
Plywood transport boxes	50
Plastic boxes	200
Packing tape, packing ropes	as many as possible
Refractory cloth (basalt fabric)	as much as possible
Refractory solution	as much as possible
Fiberglass fire blanket (fire blanket)	120

Extension cords	94
Uninterruptible power supply (UPS)	20
Charging station (576 W)	4
Thermohygrometers	12
Polypropylene bags	500
Foam rubber	as much as possible
Foam plastic	as much as possible
Wood stoves (Buleryan type)	3
Thermometers	50
Hygrometers	48
Germicidal lamps	20
Air purifiers	3
Humidifiers	93
Emergency lights	40
Linen fabric	as much as possible
Fire shields	2
Flimsy paper	as much as possible
SSD drives	5
Air conditioning systems	1
Stretch film (rolls)	as many as possible

Protective shutters	4
Folding metal racks	30
Fireproof file cabinets	80
Wooden boxes	200
Airvelope Clip envelope files	1700
Self-adhesive labels	as many as possible
Mineral wool	as much as possible
Fireproof paper	as much as possible
Moisture absorbent paper	as much as possible
Protracted seals	1500
Protection clothes (fire protection, chemical protection)	as many as possible
Respirators	3000
Vacuum cleaners for soot/ash/combustion	100
LED spotlight	40
GP 7 gas masks	3000
Air compressor	1
Insulation foil (rolls)	100
Ozoniser	1
Reverse osmosis installation for water filtration	1
Air conditioners	20



Asbestos fabric	as much as possible
Large water storage tanks	3
Hydro-barrier film (rolls)	20
Plasterboards	50
Self-adhesive tapes for isolation of wooden windows and doors (rolls)	20
ABB automatic switch	60
Styrofoam filler	5
Painting storage boxes	20
F2FP respirators	5
Heating system thermometers	16
Heat-saving film for windows	as much as possible
Laminated PPE canvas	as much as possible
Galvanized steel plates	20
Fire protection doors	2
Tracing paper	as much as possible
Waterproof tarpaulin	as much as possible
Automatic fire extinguishing system	1
Voltage stabilizers	100
Power banks	500

First aid kits	2000
Electric kettles	56
Thermoses	2000
Water disinfectants	as many as possible
Batteries	as many as possible

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