



EUROPEAN THEATRE AND FILM INSTITUTE

ArtVille

Project Manifest

Art village without borders, where collaboration replaces competition, where artists across Europe unite to create, inspire, and sustain the soul of our society.

With support from the European Union, European Theatre and Film Institute in Brussels, is creating Artville, an ambitious cultural initiative designed to unite artists across Europe into one vibrant, connected neighbourhood.

Across the countries surrounding Belgium, there is a rich landscape of theatres, art institutions, dance companies, film studios, cultural associations, music ensembles, jazz bands, and orchestras. Many of these groups work with limited resources, some supported by municipalities or regional funds, others relying entirely on private means. When we count them all, they form a relatively over thousand communities across countries. In spirit, this is a village of artists, a scattered yet deeply connected family.

Artville's mission is to make these artists feel like true neighbours. Physical distance, national borders, and logistical barriers would not prevent collaboration, mutual support, and shared creativity. By building connections, fostering co-productions, and facilitating joint workshops, networks, and exchanges, we aim to transform this dispersed community into a united, resilient cultural hub.

In today's world, where technological disruptions, artificial intelligence, and political uncertainty challenge traditional ways of living and working. Artistic professions are more essential than ever. While AI may generate art without the human soul, and many technical professions risk disappearing, theatre and the performing arts endure.

For over 3,000 years, theatre has connected people through shared experiences, human emotion, and collective imagination. The internet, and other modern media are comparatively young; they may not last, but the living arts have proven their resilience.

Artville believes in sustaining and strengthening this artistic heritage. We must stand together, support each other, and help our "neighbours" thrive. By doing so, we ensure that art remains a guiding light in uncertain times, fostering beauty, empathy, and cultural richness for generations to come.

Let's make Artville a reality!