

TTIP and CULTURE CONFERENCE Copenhagen, 1 September 2014

INVITATION

On behalf of five Nordic artists' councils, including KLYS - the Swedish Council of Artists; Forum Artis, Finland; Kunstnernetverket, Norway; the Federation of Icelandic Artists (BIL); and the Council of Danish Artists, we hereby have the pleasure to invite you to the Nordic TTIP and Culture Conference in Copenhagen on Monday, 1 September.

The aim is to analyse and discuss how free-trade policies influence the production of arts and culture, in the perspective of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)* that is currently being negotiated between European Union and the United States.

The Conference will focus on the following topics:

If the TTIP is adopted, how will this affect

- *cultural and audiovisual services, if they are included in the TTIP?*
- *export by the creative and cultural industries?*
- *film, literature, music and other art sectors?*
- *European authors' rights in relation to the Anglo-American copyright?*
- *cultural diversity in Europe and within European countries?*

How have other free-trade agreements affected culture and audiovisual policies?

What is the position of culture in other bilateral agreements that the EU is negotiating at present?

What is the impact of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in this respect?

Mogens Jensen, Denmark's Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation will open the Conference, and the Swedish author America Vera-Zavala will moderate it. Confirmed speakers are:

- Tarja Cronberg, Finnish Member of the European Parliament 2009-2014 for the Greens/European Free Alliance
- Håkan Bjerking, Swedish film director and president of the Federation of European Film Directors (FERA)
- Ludwig Laher, author and member of the Austrian UNESCO Commission
- Peter Schønning, Danish lawyer specializing in Intellectual Property Rights

- Ségolène Bunel, the French Coalition for Cultural Diversity

Nordic Culture Point and the Nordic Culture Fund are supporting the conference, which will take place at the Danish Architecture Centre in central Copenhagen from 12:00 to 18:00. The language is English. The provisional programme is attached.

Attendance is free of charge, but registration is required. The deadline for registration is 22 August, but the number of participants is limited and based on “first comes, first served”. This means that all spaces for participants may be taken before the deadline.

Please register by sending an e-mail to the Council of Danish Artists (dkr@dansk-kunstnerraad.dk) with your name, organization and/or position and contact details. You will subsequently receive a confirmation, but because of summer holidays the confirmation may be delayed in July.

Updated information on the Conference will be placed on the websites of the organizing artists' councils, and on facebook /TTIP and Culture Conference.

* The European Commission Information on the TTIP:

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ttip/about-ttip/>



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Programme

- 11:30–12:00 Arrival, registration
- 12:00–12:05 Welcome to moderator **America Vera-Zavala**
- 12:05–12:25 **Mogens Jensen**, Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation, Denmark
TTIP and culture from the perspective of the Government of Denmark and the European Council of Ministers
- 12:25–13:00 **Tarja Cronberg**, Finnish Member of the European Parliament 2009–2014 for the Greens/European Free Alliance
TTIP and Culture from the perspective of the European Parliament
Questions for and answers from Mogens Jensen and Tarja Cronberg
- 13:00–14:00 Lunch
- 14:00–14:30 **Håkan Bjerking**, Swedish film director and President of the Federation of European film directors (FERA)
Film and audiovisuals and the TTIP
Questions and answers
- 14:30–15:00 **Peter Schønning**, Danish lawyer specializing in intellectual property rights
Authors' rights, copyright and the TTIP
Questions and answers
- 15:00–15:15 Break
- 15:15–15:45 **Ludwig Laher**, author and member of the Austrian Commission for UNESCO
The UNESCO 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and trade agreements
Questions and answers
- 15:45–16:15 **Ségolène Bunel**, French Coalition for Cultural Diversity
The cultural exemption and trade agreements
Questions and answers
- 16:15–16:45 Coffee break
- 16.45–17:45 **Where are we, and what are the next steps?**
Debate including the panel of speakers and the audience
- 17:45 **Final remarks**
A glass of wine or water

This programme is current as of 17 June.