

## COMMITMENT STATEMENT EUROPEAN HOUSE FOR CULTURE MOTIVATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE ACCESS TO CULTURE PLATFORM

Since its very beginnings the European House for Culture has fully committed to the work of the Access to Culture Platform both by engaging in the content work of a topic it considers deeply relevant for not only all that work in the cultural sector but for the correct and sustainable development of the European project and by volunteering to act as the secretariat. It offered and continues to do so within its operational capacities and its activity programme.

As an initiative from the sector – set up in partnership with organisations in Brussels but also beyond - the European House for Culture has the mission to “further collaboration and enhance synergies within the cultural sector by creating a meeting-place, a reference point, an embassy ..... for cultural networks in Brussels and for those with an interest in the EU-decision making process in the field of culture with the ultimate goal to facilitate dialogue with other sectors, the political level and the European citizens.” (EFA/ISPA Declaration of intention, following the EFA/ISPA Conference ‘Cultural Networks at Work’, June 2007).

Starting from this conceptual and practical consideration it proposed to embrace the cultural dialogue platforms as an important activity of the House. As a platform that is shaped by the sector, the House wishes to serve to enhance communication in all directions and allow a variety of dialogue possibilities. This proposal is linked to the executing part of the platforms’ work.