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Arts Council Malta

Previously known as the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts (MCCA), Arts Council Malta (ACM) is the national agency for development and investment in the cultural and creative sectors. Its central task is that of effectively funding, supporting and promoting the cultural and creative sectors in Malta

The Council manages a funding portfolio for the cultural and creative sectors through its national funding programmes. In 2015, the Council published [Strategy2020](#), its five-year national strategy for the arts based on five strategic focal points, which include [internationalisation](#) and [business development](#) as well as [research, education and training, diversity and communities](#). Arts Council Malta's [goals](#) are: to nurture creative potential and support its development into professional activity; to invest in artistic excellence; to connect Malta to the international artistic community; to provide more opportunities for people to engage in creativity; and to build the capacity of Public Cultural Organisations under its remit, including the national theatres, the national dance company and the contemporary creative space.

Strategy2020 was created following a consultation process with a number of stakeholders from the cultural and creative sectors. More than 300 artists, creative practitioners and other stakeholders discussed their vision, ambitions and dreams for Malta's cultural and creative sectors for the five years to come. This process fed directly into the strategy.

Following the launch of Arts Council Malta's Strategy2020, Arts Council Malta is implementing the 70 deliverables outlined in the five-year programme for the cultural and creative sectors.

In the past few years, the Council has gone from a small entity to a restructured and much larger agency which is actively carving out its path as a cultural leader for the sector. The Council has also played a central role in events such as the Seventh World Summit on Arts and Culture held in Valletta in 2016, the Cultural Export Programme of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union held in 2017 and Malta's capital city Valletta as the European Capital of Culture in 2018.

As part of its strategic developmental role, the Council has also partnered up with 11 artistic organisations and festivals to drive strategic three-year partnerships called [Cultural Partnership Agreements](#); these include the Valletta Film Festival, The Mediterranean Literature Festival and Blitz, an artist-run contemporary arts space.

The [Malta Arts Fund](#) aims to invest in quality artistic initiatives and development both in Malta and internationally. The fund forms part of Arts Council Malta's development funding portfolio.

The [Cultural Export Fund](#) forms part of Arts Council Malta's internationalisation strategy for the culture and creative sectors.

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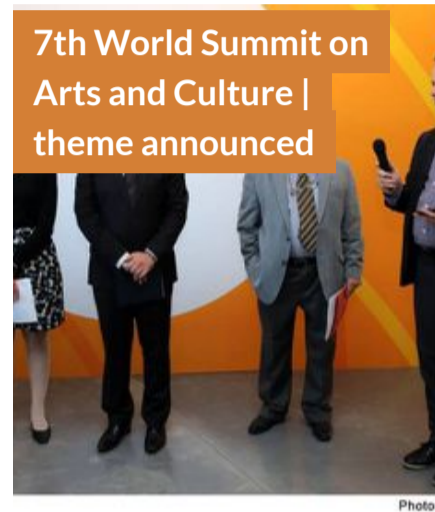
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