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Moldova joins the Creative Europe programme

18 March 2015, Tibor Navracscics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, and Monica Babuc, the Moldovan Minister of Culture, signed an agreement on Moldovan participation in the Creative Europe programme.

Moldova is the second neighbourhood country to join the programme - Georgia joined Creative Europe on 24 February 2015.

The agreement will allow Moldova to participate in Creative Europe, the EU programme for the cultural, creative and audio-visual sectors. Joining Creative Europe will let Moldovan cultural and creative organisations collaborate with counterparts from all over Europe and access funding for cultural cooperation projects, subscribe to literary translation schemes, and join European cultural networks.

Following on from the arrivals of first Georgia and now Moldova, Ukraine could be the next neighbourhood country to join Creative Europe.

Tibor Navracscics was happy to announce that: "It is my great pleasure to welcome the Republic of Moldova to the Creative Europe Programme"; "From now on, cultural and creative organisations in Moldova will be able to get support to work together with and learn from cultural and creative organisations from all over Europe. The programme will allow them to open up to Europe and the world."

"They will be able to further strengthen the capacity of their cultural and creative sectors by taking part in cultural cooperation projects, literary translation schemes and cultural networks. And as of this year, they will also be able to participate in audio-visual training events and festivals."

Moldova has been playing an important role in deepening cultural cooperation within the Eastern Partnership (composed of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, the European Union, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine).

It has done so both as part of the Eastern Partnership Culture programme and as part of the Eastern Partnership "Contacts between people" platform. Tibor Navracsecs expressed confidence that Moldova will continue to do so in the future.



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