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Trans Europe Halles members granted €960.000 for building a sustainable future for the sector

Trans Europe Halles (TEH) is happy and proud to announce that our new network project *Engine Room Europe* has been awarded a €960.000 grant from the European Commission's Culture Programme.

Engine Room Europe is a three-year project focused on independent cultural workers and their creative processes. The main objective of the project is to increase the capacity and sustainability of independent culture in Europe.

The project is lead by **Melkweg** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), in association with Trans Europe Halles (TEH), and the co-organising TEH members **Lodz Art Center** (Lodz, Poland), **Mains D'Oeuvres** (St Ouen, France), **Stanica** (Zilina, Slovakia), **ufaFabrik** (Berlin, Germany), **TNT** (Bordeaux, France), **REX** (Belgrade, Serbia), **NOASS** (Riga, Latvia), **Röda Sten Art Centre** (Göteborg, Sweden), **La Friche Belle de Mai** (Marseille, France) and **Tabacka** (Kosice, Slovakia).

The 12 co-organisers will initiate a programme of actions including artistic productions, festivals, conferences, research, staff exchanges and a volunteer programme. An open source online archive will hold the memory of the project and collect views, experiences and processes.

"Independent culture is the research and development engine of European civic life and this project, Engine Room Europe, will contribute to its sustainability and vibrancy into the future."

– Sandy Fitzgerald, Process Leader Engine Room Europe

Engine Room Europe (May 2011- April 2014), with a total budget of €2,095,297, is one of 10 projects selected for funding by the European Commission's Culture Programme 2007-2013 Strand 1.1 budget 2011. For a list of selected projects, please consult the EACEA website, http://eacea.ec.europa.eu.

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