





# Working in the Arts

Participation project – Reform of the artists' social and administrative statute

### Introduction and context

#### Enhancing the artists' social and administrative statute

- 2021: government policy decision improving the Artists' social position
- Developing a specific state-of-the-art policy through citizen participation
- Online platform www.workinginthearts.be (BOSA MonOpinion webtool)
- Technical working group including art sector representatives
- Cooperation: policy cells administrations cultural sector
- Contributors: policy cells Work, Social Affairs and Self-employed, FPSWASO & FPS Social Security (+ artists, artist advocacy groups, social partners, ..?)





## Why a participation project?

Policy co-creation involving the target group: an immersive approach of the artists' daily situation

- Gaining insight of the socio-economic needs and challenges of artists in our country. Who can provide more truthful and realistic insight than practitioners?
- The target group is very diverse.
   Interacting with each other and other stakeholders, the art workers discover the needs of other sectors' and gain a better understanding of the final proposal.





### How?

#### My Opinion platform www.workinginthearts.be

 On the platform, thematic pages allow participants to add and explain their challenges, proposals and solutions. Fellow artists respond, discuss and add new elements. Basically, it's engaging in an online discussion.

## Online focal exchanges via Zoom archived on MyOpinion website

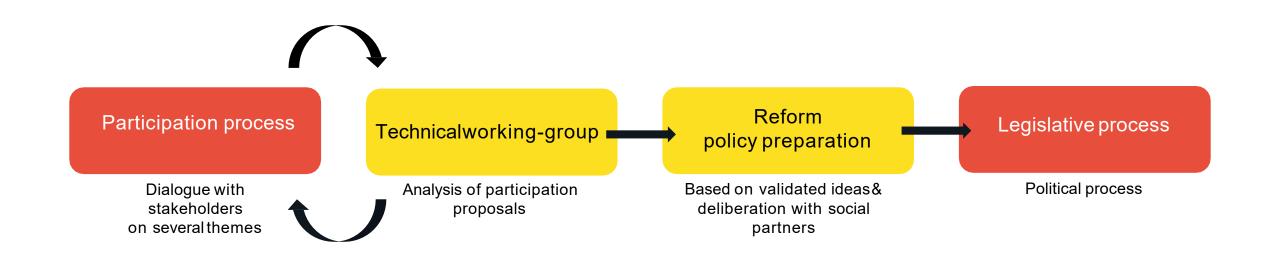
 We hosted online focal discussions with artists on crossdisciplinary topics. Members of the policy cells moderated these discussions, together with a sector specific representative expert.













#### **Outcome?**

After 128 proposals by 470 participants on 'Working In The Arts' and 20 meetings by a technical working group with federations and experts, there is now a modernisation of the artists' social statute!

## **Current figures**

• Total number of requests: 1.540

New website visits

