

Ms. Claudia Roth
Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media
Graurheindorfer Str. 198
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Brussels, November 15, 2024

Dear Minister Roth,

Re: Proposed Cuts to Federal Cultural Funding

The International Federation of Actors (FIA) is a global union federation representing performers' trade unions, guilds, and professional associations in over sixty countries, including GDBA, BFFS, VdO, and Ver.di in Germany. In a connected world of content and entertainment, it stands for fair social, economic and moral rights for audiovisual performers working in all recorded media and in live theatre, and their fundamental right to tell their stories.

We are writing to convey our deep concern about the proposed substantial cuts to Federal Cultural Funds in Germany's 2025 budget. These funds are crucial for supporting Germany's independent arts sector and the artists who bring vitality to it. They are also instrumental in preserving a rich and diverse cultural landscape, which is essential to a vibrant democracy.

The increase in the 2024 budget was a positive step toward sustained investment in the arts. However, the proposed cuts for 2025 — which would nearly halve the previous year's funding — threaten to reverse much of this progress.

We urge you to rethink these proposed cuts and to maintain the Federal Cultural Funds at a level that adequately supports both the arts and the artists who contribute so significantly to Germany's cultural heritage.

We look forward to your response and to seeing a more supportive budget proposal for the Federal Cultural Funds in 2025.

Your sincerely,



Dominick Luquer
General Secretary