

CUPORE – the Finnish Foundation for Cultural Policy Research

... supports and carries out research on cultural development and cultural policies. Its research interests cover all main cultural policy issues, ranging from public and private financing and legislation to artists' and cultural workers education and training, employment and labour market positions and international mobility. CUPORE has also carried out research on Finnish gender policies, ethnic and immigrant groups and multiculturalism in Finland and on methodological aspects of cultural policy evaluation, cultural impact studies and forecasting.

CUPORE is also a Finnish clearing house of relevant cultural policy information and a forum for discussions and debates on national, European and global cultural policy issues. It monitors and assesses on-going research, gathers relevant research results and other reliable facts and processes and transmits information to cultural policy decision-makers, Finnish and foreign research partners and other cultural research centres, observatories and international agencies.

This all calls for extensive contacts and active partnership relations with a great number of agencies and institutes. CUPORE has created and maintains a network of relations with research centres, universities and scientific and professional organizations at home and abroad. CUPORE also organises together with its partners research consortia, conferences and brain-storming sessions.

CUPORE is also involved in developing cultural statistics and system of cultural indicators.

In all these activities the concept of cultural diversity plays a central role. In a narrow sense it is present in CUPORE's research projects on multi-ethnicity, mobility and cultural rights, in a wider sense it focuses attention to necessities of maintaining multiformity of artistic creative processes, programmes of performing arts, cultural production and distribution and participation in amateur arts and intellectual and recreational aspects of the arts and culture.

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