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Trends and tendencies in the Norwegian art field

And some recommendations on where to find partners.

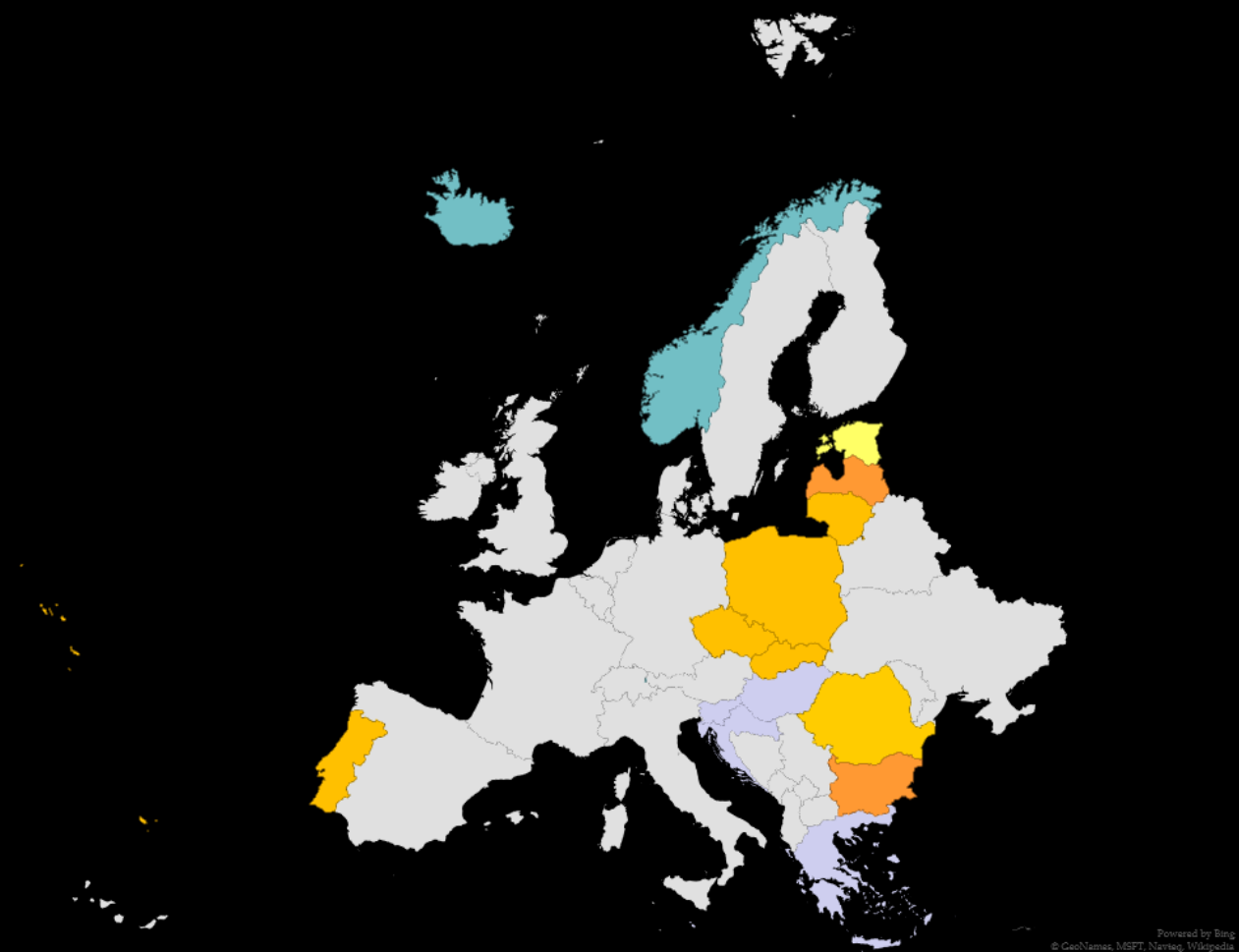
The picture is from PUNKT festival, a project between Norwegian and Czech musicians.

What is the Arts Council Norway?

- Arts Council Norway cooperates with Programme Operators as a Donor Programme Partner in the EEA Grants
- We provide advice on our area of expertise; cultural cooperation and contemporary arts.
- Assist in facilitating bilateral partnerships.
- Financed by the Ministry of Culture in Norway.
- Working by arms length policy.

Countries of cooperation

- Czech republic
- Slovakia
- Bulgaria
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania



Trends in scenic art – theatre and dance



The picture is from the theatre project Folk Tale with Teater Innlandet and the czech companies Divadlo ANPU and Buchty a loutky.

- A distinct trend in Norway is that the borders between dance and theatre is being erased.
- Great diversity of expression
- Performative visuality
- Political engagement
- Perspectives from different cultural backgrounds, not only the typical Norwegian
- Freelances and small companies often in collaboration with the established scenes

Tips for partner search – scenic arts:
<https://www.pahn.no/>

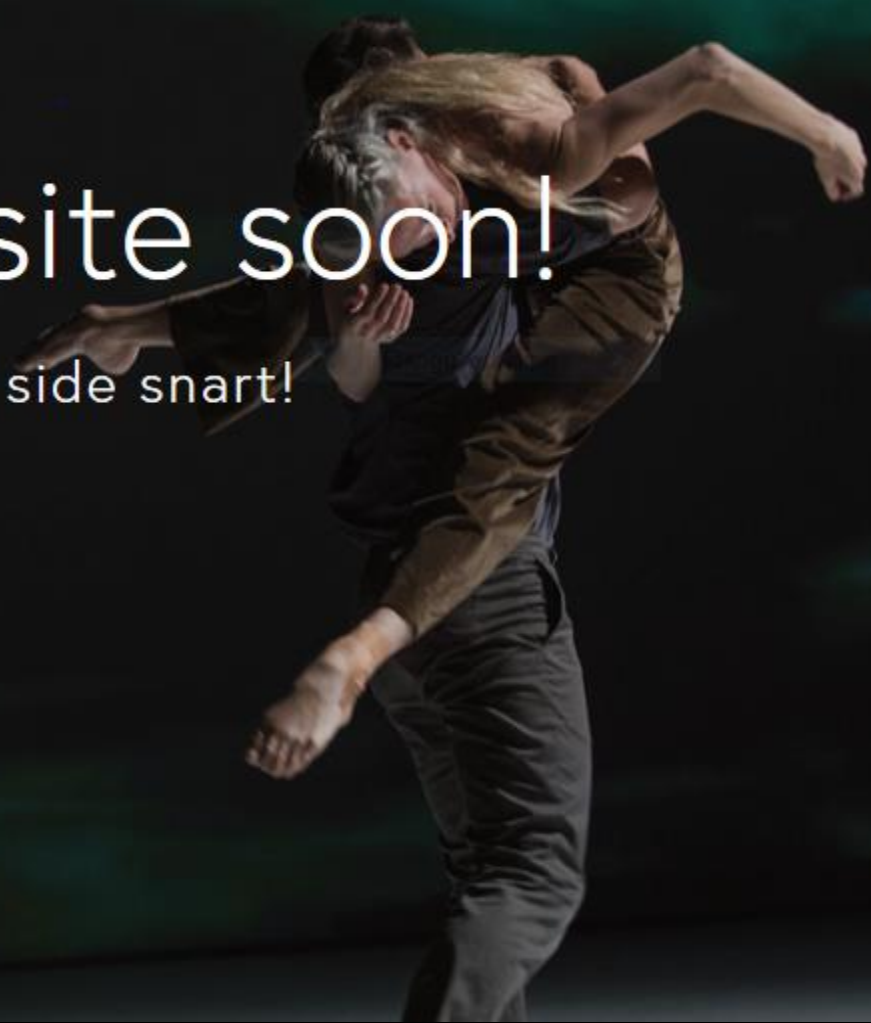


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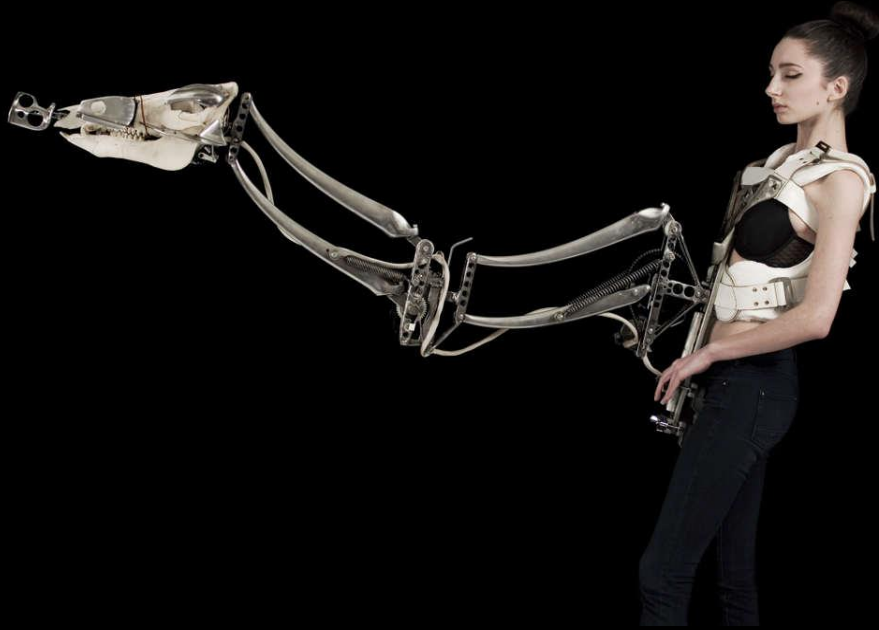
Trends in visual arts:



- A strong tendency both from artists, institutions and festivals is nature – climate – and environment themes in the art.
- Another trend is researching new technologic possibilities and how new media technology influences the human.
- A general tendency with both single artists and institutions is trying to reach a broader audience and how to improve their income possibilities. This can be seen by using new distribution platforms and new cooperation constellations.

TRANS(e)MISSION was a cooperation between CIANT in Prague and TEKS in Trondheim.

Tips for partner search – visual arts:



- Norske billedkunstnere
Association of Norwegian Visual Artists
www.norskebilledkunstnere.no/english/
- Norske kunsthåndverkere
Norwegian association for arts and crafts
www.norskekunsthåndverkere.no/english
- Norske kunstsentre
Contemporary art centres in Norway
www.kunstsentrene.no/home?locale=en_US

Soundplay festival and Man | Machine, Polen

Trends in literature:

- Many titles are produced each year, but the media debate tends to circle around only a few.
- Norwegian literary journals exist in a big variety, and many has a high quality. But many of them are run idealistically and has a low income.
- Literature for children and young has a strong standing in Norway, but still needs to be encouraged. The Art Council Norway started in 2018 a pilot grant scheme called «Creation of literature with children and young» where authors, illustrators and grafic designers are encouraged to cooperate with kids 0-18 years to co-create litterature.

Tips for partner search – literature:



The House of Literature, Fredrikstad.

We have 3 big literature houses in Norway:

- Fredrikstad Litteraturhus
<https://litthusfred.no/in-english/>
- Oslo Litteraturhus
<http://litteraturhuset.no/en/home/>
- Bergen Litteraturhus
<http://www.litthusbergen.no/kontakt/>
- The National Library can assist in search for matching libraries. Contact Arts Council Norway for more info.

Trends in music – Norwegian scene:



Brak in i Bergen is one of the 7 new competence centres in Norway on music. Photo: Brak

- Composers and performers cooperate more often about the creation of artworks.
- More music is created in a process between song writers, producers, studio production and in a mix of different art forms.
- More musicians and composers now make their work relevant for a bigger public.
- Demand for music to reach out to a bigger audience and in different/more arenas and platforms.

Tips for partner search – music:

7 regional competence centres spread all over Norway. These cover all kinds of music genres. Supported by the Arts Council Norway:

- RYK Rytmask kompetansenettverk (North Norway)
- Tempo (Trondheim)
- Brak (Bergen)
- STAR (Stavanger)
- Sørf (South-Norway)
- ØKS – Østafjelske kompetansesenter (Buskerud and Vestfold)
- Møst – Musikknettverk Østlandet (Oslo ++)

...continued partner search – music:

- <https://www.konsertarrangor.no/>

This is a membership organisation for Norwegian concert arrangers

- <http://norwayfestivals.com/en>

Norway Festivals - a network comprising 75 arts and culture festivals.

Norwegian project partners

- Close to 300 Norwegian partners were involved in the EEA and Norway Grants (2009-14)
- 60% were registered outside of Oslo
- Spread across different sectors, size and type of organisation
- Many norwegian artistic entities are small!



The Norwegian-Czech project Screen City presenting moving images in public spaces.

Tips for finding Norwegian partners:

Be specific in what you want to do

Mail is often overseen, use the phone.

Send photos and films of what you do.

Contact the Arts Council Norway when all this does not help...

Mail: eeagrants@kulturradet.no



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Project of bringing arts into an old factory, Romania. Norwegian project partner was USF verftet, Bergen.



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