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Respected Mr. Marino,

As a member of Trans Europe Halles, we are taking opportunity to stand for our colleagues in Interzona in order to support their work. We, from Rojc Alliance are aware how important is the support of Local Authorities in development of cultural centers, especially in working space solutions for independent cultural production. We have successful example of co-laboration with our Local Authorities in co-governance with our Center for almost 20 years now. Centar Rojc is unique public space in Pula that gather together more then 100 civil society Organisations from different fields producing cultural and social benefits for the community. As a Community Center we have a disposal of 16 739 square meters area for free that is property of The City.

If we look at the cultural centers as spaces of polyvalent socio-cultural activities, open to various categories of the audience, which remains flexible and responsive to changeable cultural needs and demands of the local community, then we talk about an active participation of local communities that connect cultural events with community social content. The role of cultural centers is particularly important in the context of social development. Maintaining an inclusive, interactive and often multidisciplinary relationship with their users, cultural centers are important catalysts for new ideas, social innovation and creation of added social values.

We know that Interzona is one of the most crucial centers, recognised on international level, with essential role in development of independent cultural scene which is giving huge contribution to the culture and social life in Verona. It would be a real pity if the activities of Interzona are to be interrupted or ceased.

We fully appreciate the support of Fondazione and The Meyer that have been given to Interzona till now. As we know, Interzona have been working in a Foundation's building for free for the last 10 years, however they may suffer from the loss of their working space now. We truly hope that you will manage to avoid that unfortunate situation and come up with a good solution. We strongly encourage that you continue good

practice and support the independent cultural center Interzona. Keeping continuity of activity is of crucial importance for any center that contributes to community development. Otherwise, losing contact with audience, volunteers and partners can cause serious damage and jeopardize the mission and further activities of the center.

We believe that you recognize the importance of Interzona's activities and that you care of its' sustenance and maintenance in cultural and social life of your city, as well as in the platform of European independent culture. Losing Interzona from the TEH network, would have a deep impact to other members as well. We truly hope that by good will you will help Interzona to win the battle for stable workplace thus allowing longlasting and successful role in cultural development.

We thank you with kind regards,



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