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Dear Sirs,

Sad news reached us that the cultural centre Interzona has to leave its premises soon, due to the renovation of the area.

We are glad to hear though that Interzona can count on your support in the attempt of finding a suitable new venue for Interzona.

As former president of the network Trans Europe Halles – of which Interzona is a well respected member – I cannot state enough how important organizations like Interzona are for the well being of cities, its areas and its inhabitants. Apart from the more established arts institutions and organizations, centres like these contribute largely to the social and cultural life of a city. Such a city life needs the new, the unexpected, the fragile, the small, and the yet invisible but soon visible for many.

In July 2014 I visited the premises of Interzona and was impressed by the determined and enthusiastic spirit of all people involved. They organize all of their activities – which are well received by the audience – on a voluntary basis. This is a delicate basis and needs support to be transplanted to another spot in order not to loose contact with the audience and the network of volunteers itself.

We thank you for letting Interzona work already for such a long time and really hope that you will be able to let them continue their artistic and educational programs elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,

Erik Backer

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President of Trans Europe Halles 2007-2013