



European Group of the International Federation of Actors
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EuroFIA resolution

The European group of the International Federation of Actors (EuroFIA) supports ÇASOD and the Actors' Union of Turkey in their fight for the protection and improvement of public funding for theatres in Turkey

EuroFIA fully supports ÇASOD and the Actors' Union of Turkey in their concern following the Istanbul municipality's decision to change the management system of city theatres without any prior consultation with unions, other performers' organisations or concerned NGO's.

This new system effectively places artistic direction of publicly funded theatre in Istanbul in the hands of civil servants rather than representatives of the artistic community, thereby interfering with the artistic process. Protests by the artistic community in reaction to this decision led Prime Minister Erdoğan to announce a possible complete scrapping of all public funding for both state and city theatres.

EuroFIA strongly disapproves of such threats to artistic creation and freedom and urges the Turkish government to recognise the essential role of culture in a society's well-being, intellectual life and economic development.

EuroFIA supports ÇASOD and the Actors' Union of Turkey in calling on their government to work on a new, improved model for public funding for Turkish theatres, involving artists and their representative organisations in the decision-making process and the general management of these cultural institutions.

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