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**The European group of the International Federation of Actors (EuroFIA)
calls for labour contracts for short-term cultural workers in Portugal
to become the rule rather than the exception**

The European group of the International Federation of Actors (EuroFIA) gathers performers' unions, guilds and professional associations from 25 EU member states and speaks on behalf of tens of thousands of professional performers working in theatre, television, film, new media and radio.

EuroFIA is extremely concerned about the recurring casual employment of performers and other workers in the live performance and the audiovisual sector in Portugal, especially of all those working on short-term contracts – indeed a very large number. Arguing from the limited length of their engagement, the latter are all too often “held” to be independent contractors, free-lance or self-employed workers, which prevents them from benefiting from a labour contract and spoils them of even the most basic social security protection.

EuroFIA therefore calls on the Portuguese government to take legislative action with a view to enhancing the professional life of cultural workers with short-term contracts, making labour contracts in the sector a mandatory requirement and enabling them to benefit from full social security protection.

On behalf of EuroFIA,

Agnete Haaland
President of FIA

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