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## LETTER OF SUPPORT

### re: re-structuring Nordic cultural co-operation and NIFCA

This letter is to express support for the continuation of NIFCA's operations in the restructuring of the Nordic cultural co-operation.

NIFCA's operations have been very significant to the field of new media art, not only in the Nordic countries but also internationally and locally. NIFCA has supported new media arts by enabling several cutting-edge events and by offering its space for new initiatives that arise from the field of practice.

In coordinating and hosting residencies, NIFCA has provided the necessary ingredient of cultural exchange – the interface to local practitioners – in the various residence locations. This mediating activity is of key importance in the networked mode of production in contemporary culture.

Together with NIFCA and other organisations, we feel that the networks, expertise and continuity required in Nordic cultural exchange are compromised in the case of NIFCA's closing. We share the concern about the autonomy of culture and wish to stress the need to create and sustain practice-driven policies.

m-cult is keen to support NIFCA in realizing its proposals to further develop and transpose its functions in implementing the new model of cultural co-operation.

Sincerely,

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