ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF CULTURE:

SHIFTING CULTURES

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• Production and Resource Center since 1996. A hub for local, regional and international cultural action. **Organises** seminars and workshops. **Creates** co-productions. **Arranges** guest performances from abroad. **Develops** new audiences. **Advocates** progressive cultural policy.

• Since 2008, a national mission as **The European Resource Center for Culture** and a European Union mission as **Europe Direct** office in Sweden.
The Function of Migration

- to challenge our fixed patterns
- to update our self-image
- to bring our fears to the surface
FEAR
Interculture = Mutual Transformation
INTER // LOCAL
Natural Identities.
Imposed Identities.
Imagined Identities.
Multiple Identities.
[Ongoing negotiation]
Culture & Democracy
CITIZEN // VISITOR
WHERE ARE WE TODAY?
CAN WE IDENTIFY CHALLENGES?
DO WE SEE THREATS?
"Re-creating the circle ... "
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turning europe inside out
2011 - 2018
Tskaltubo, Georgia
— a home since 20 years for refugees from Abkhazia
CORNERS Xpedition Caucasus - october 2011
Central Question 1

What **PLACES** are needed?

- cultural centres
- public spaces
- digital arenas
- schools and workplaces
Central Question 2

What **COMPETENCE** is needed?

- training
- study travel
- practical experience
- social skills
- empathy
Environmental change
  (technology, sustainability)
Reduced democratic participation
  (apathy)
Increased fear of immigration
  (Islamophobia, cultural introversion)
Shift of economic power
  (globalization)
What is an appropriate cultural response?
developing intercultural competence
"Cultures do not dialogue with each other. They compete, clash, fight, interact and mutually influence each other."

Dr. Dragan Klaic (1951-2011)
International Outreach

Intercultural Insight