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The Arts Festivals' Declaration on Intercultural Dialogue is signed by major European arts and culture festivals in Ljubljana on 8 January 2008: 25 festivals and officials from 17 European countries signed the Ljubljana Declaration and committed to its objectives and obligations.

With the participation of 300 EU conference delegates and as part of the official opening of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the Declaration started today its journey in Ljubljana, Slovenia throughout 2008. From here, it travels to hundreds of arts festivals across Europe and beyond! Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth and one of the initial signatory parties in Ljubljana, agrees with the Declaration statement that "European arts festivals initiated a vital process of circulating and giving visibility to the different cultural streams of European arts and cultures thus representing a huge step toward the development of intercultural competences." The full Declaration text as well as the complete list of initial signatory parties is available on the EFA website at www.efa-aef.eu.

The signing ceremony organized by EFA in cooperation with the City of Ljubljana and the Ljubljana Festival is the festive momentum to launch the Declaration: All music, dance and theatre festivals, rock, pop and jazz, literature, film and philosophy festivals, children's and street arts festivals and other arts and culture festivals, national festivals associations and cultural networks committed to the objectives of the Declaration will unite throughout 2008 and beyond to engage in promoting and implementing its aims and objectives. Next to highlighting festivals' excellence in developing intercultural competences, to stimulate them to continue and deepen their important work, "we are proud", as Darko Brlek, EFA President and Director of the Ljubljana Festival states, "to offer our unique platforms to bring this message to millions of Europeans visiting festivals every year!"

A special webpage dedicated to the signing procedure, best practices and projects implemented in the festival world is available on the EFA webpage at www.efa-aef.eu!

The Declaration is a project initiated by the European Festivals Association, the major arts festivals network representing festivals in 38 mainly European countries. It is supported by European Commissioner Mr Ján Figel' and the European Commission (www.interculturaldialogue2008.eu). EFA is a member of the steering group of the Civil Society Platform for Intercultural Dialogue (www.efah.org) and collaborates with 'A Soul for Europe' in this framework (www.berlinerkonferenz.eu).