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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

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# 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 ...”**

**interculture**

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**interdisciplinary**

**interactive**

**intersectoral**



CORNERS

**turning europe inside out**  
2011 - 2018





**Tskaltubo, Georgia**

**– a home since 20 years for refugees from Abkhazia**

**CORNERS Xpedition Caucasus - october 2011**



# Yoghurt Cultures





CORNERS Xpedition North  
Västerbotten, Sweden august 2012

# 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





**SEAS Xpedition – Hopa, Turkey, September 2010**

## **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