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### **Katherine Watson**

Katherine Watson has been the Director of the European Cultural Foundation (ECF) ([www.eurocult.org](http://www.eurocult.org)) since June 2010. Based in Amsterdam, ECF is an independent pan-European foundation, acting as a catalyst for change through arts and culture, via its activities, programmes, grants and online platforms. Katherine moved from Canada to join ECF in 2006 as Director of its online partner initiative, the multi-lingual cultural information and networking platform [www.labforculture.org](http://www.labforculture.org).

Katherine has over 30 years of international experience, on both sides of the Atlantic, combining interdisciplinary art productions with advocacy, research, policy and programme development for non-profit arts organisations as well as governments. She has a particular interest in investigating how the digital shift has affected our society and in the intersection of art and culture with other fields of endeavour.

Katherine has been a producer, director, manager, fund developer, arts adviser and jury member, and chair of several boards. She is currently on the governing board of the European Foundation Centre in which ECF plays an active part.