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Invitation: "Belonging Europe – Identity as Practice"

Dear Iuri Bruni,

On behalf of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin and its civil society initiative A Soul For Europe, we are pleased to formally invite you to participate in the meeting "*Belonging Europe – Identity as Practice*", which will take place from **April 20 to April 22, 2026** at the Jean-Monnet-House close to Paris, France.

At a time of growing fragmentation and political alienation, we believe that strengthening the sense of belonging to Europe is essential to democratic stability and to the European integration project. The meeting will explore how European identity can be understood and cultivated as an open, democratic practice — rooted in lived experience, particularly at the municipal level, and supported by the transformative role of arts and culture. The encounter will be organized through an open and participatory methodology, prioritizing dialogue, reflection, debate and co-creation over formal speeches. Through interactive sessions, workshops and collective drafting moments, we aim to generate concrete results and actionable recommendations that help foster a shared yet diverse European identity and reinforce European values through cultural engagement.

Your participation in this meeting is highly valued, and we would be delighted to welcome you as a contributor to the discussions and exchange. This letter serves as an official confirmation of your invitation and participation in the above-mentioned meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

On behalf of the organizing team,



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