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Evaluation attests innovative funding approach of TANZPAKT RECONNECT

As part of NEUSTART KULTUR, the international non-profit organisation Bureau Ritter launched the TANZPAKT RECONNECT recovery programme in 2020 to secure the future of professional dance organisations and infrastructure during the coronavirus crisis.

In total, 146 dance organisations across Germany received support and funding amounting to a total of 16.8 million euros over a period of two and a half years. **With a maximum grant of 500,000 euros available per project, TANZPAKT RECONNECT was one of the highest-paying cultural rescue programmes during this time.**

With the end of TANZPAKT RECONNECT, the cultural strategy office Culture Concepts has presented its evaluation of the funding programme. It concludes that the programme has made a significant contribution to the preservation of the variety, diversity and quality of dance as an art form. **The authors emphasise the innovative nature and future-oriented approach of the funding programme, which has allowed TANZPAKT RECONNECT to make an impact far beyond the immediate concerns of the pandemic.**

According to Culture Concepts, what made the programme unique was the wide range and diversity of both applicants and funded projects. Individual artists, dance companies, venues, production offices, festivals and networks were able to secure and expand their artistic personnel structure, improve their production and training capabilities, rent and equip rehearsal and office space, purchase new stage technology or develop innovative marketing campaigns.

Analysing feedback from artists and beneficiaries, **the evaluation found that Bureau Ritter closely and consistently tailored the programme to the needs of its stakeholders, both in terms of concept and of project implementation.** Other aspects that were perceived as very positive by the beneficiaries were **the programme's multi-year duration and its simplified application process.**

The full version of the evaluation can be viewed (in German) on the [Bureau Ritter website](#).

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