



Avatara Plenara Zeitstipendia annoyed by the Berlin Senate's draft budget 2016/17 – Where are our TIME GRANTS ?!

On Monday, 31. August 2015, 12am, the Berlin Senate's budget proposal 2016/17 will be read in the Culture Committee of the Berlin House of Representatives – **come and demand the TIME GRANTS with us.**

In 2016/17 additional financial resources will be available for the Independent Scene through City Tax and Berlin's higher tax revenues. But the demands of the Independent Scene Coalition's 10-Point-Program are not met in the Berlin Senate's draft budget. Only 2.6 Million Euro are mentioned, that is 14% of the demanded 18.1 Million Euro.

Among the additions in the culture budget are – finally – artists' exhibition fees. The bbk berlin and the Independent Scene Coalition demanded 1 Million Euro, the title is supposed to receive 300.000 Euro. In comparison: For additional staff and operating cost the Berlin's major institutions are supposed to receive an additional 28 Million Euro.

Not only the TIME GRANTS are missing, so are the majority of urgently necessary programs intended to support the underfunded majority of Berlin's artists. The financial means and articulated concepts for financing the Independent Scene are in place, but an overdue reform and update of Berlin's cultural funding has not been tackled by the Senate. In spite of long-term development by the Independent Scene, bbk berlin or Haben und Brauchen, the Berlin Senate has failed to build up a professional dialog with the city's independent artists and cultural producers and develop a participatory and sustainable system of financing.

**This has to end! We demand support for our artistic work.
It is about TIME – the MONEY is there!**

The implementation process of the 2015/16 City Tax revenues, which could add up to 47 Million Euro, starts on Monday at the Berlin House of Representatives. We call for the TIME GRANTS and the other demands of the Independent Scene Coalition to be part of the budget and funded by the City Tax.

We need your support to insist on the fulfilment of our demand for 350 annual TIME GRANTS for the 10.000 visual artists of Berlin. Join Avatara Plenara Zeitstipendia and AG ZEIT (working group TIME) at the first reading of the draft budget at the Berlin House of Representatives this coming Monday.

**Meeting point: 11.45 am at the entrance of the Abgeordnetenhaus (Berlin House of Representatives),
Niederkirchnerstraße 5, Berlin-Mitte**