

PRESS RELEASE

Lluís Bonet wins the 2023 ENCATC Award for Outstanding Contribution



Brussels, 31 July 2023 - The European Network on Cultural Management and Policy, ENCATC, is thrilled to announce that Prof. Lluís Bonet is the winner of the 2023 edition of the ENCATC Award for Outstanding Contribution.

Lluís Bonet is Professor of Applied economy and Director of the Cultural Management Programme at the University of Barcelona, specialized in cultural economics, cultural policies, and arts management. He has been president of ENCATC, board member of many academic and cultural organizations, and coordinator / active participant of many international research projects (H2020, Erasmus+, Creative Europe, IADB, National research or Arts council, etc.). He is the coordinator of the Erasmus+ project CHARTER ('Cultural Heritage Action to Refine Training, Education and Roles').

The Award Panel, an interdisciplinary group integrated by 11 ENCATC members from different world regions, evaluated and assessed all nominations recognizing Prof. Bonet for his **exceptional scholarship** in cultural management and policy, his **academic and professional career** of international renown, his **sustained contributions to cultural management and policy education and research**, his **innovative and interdisciplinary approaches**, and his **supportive character**, looking to create sectoral synergies and support young researchers and professionals. Prof. Lluís Bonet is identified as a **transformational leader and a key personality of the cultural field**, whose work has impacted at local, national and international level.

ENCATC's president, Gerald Lidstone, commented: "*We're proud to recognize Prof. Lluís Bonet as the 2023 ENCATC Award for Outstanding Contribution Laureate for his transformative leadership in the realm of cultural management and policy for over 30 years. Prof. Bonet is one of the pioneers of arts management education, contributing to shape and advance the field. With a remarkable fusion of capacities, Bonet's dynamic intervention intersects disciplines, fostering multiple benefits and leaving an indelible mark on research, management, leadership, and cultural innovation, deeply aligned with ENCATC's core values.*"

ENCATC's Secretary General, GiannaLia Cogliandro Beyens, expressed: *"I am very pleased with the decision to recognize Lluís Bonet in this 3rd edition of the prize. The Award gives him a well-deserved light on his impressive professional trajectory. However, as a Secretary General of ENCATC, I also would like to stress his tireless commitment and crucial involvement in the history of ENCATC. Lluís served as ENCATC President from 2001-2005, he is currently part of the ENCATC Journal Editorial Board, and he is leading with an extraordinary competence the current ENCATC flagship project, CHARTER Alliance."*

As the 2023 Laureate, Prof. Lluís Bonet will be honoured during the **Award Ceremony** on 13 October 2023 in Helsinki, in the frame of the [ENCATC Congress](#). This will be also the occasion to listen to him deliver a **keynote speech** followed by a panel in response.

ENCATC extends its heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Lluís Bonet for this recognition, as well as the other finalists, **Mircea Geoană**, NATO Deputy General, for his great contribution to the field of policy, and to **Museums Moving Forward**, for their inspiring initiative to support equity and accountability in art museums workplaces. Their dedication and passion for advancing cultural management and policy inspire us all to work collectively toward a prosperous future.

Note to editors:

About ENCATC

ENCATC is the leading European Network on cultural management and policy. It represents, advocates, and promotes cultural management and cultural policy education, professionalizes the cultural sector to make it sustainable, and creates a platform for discussion and exchange at European and international level. The organization, co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union, has developed a wide offer of activities, products, publications, projects, mobility schemes, and more to the benefit of the field. In 2022, ENCATC celebrated its 30th anniversary, marking three decades of development, representation, advocacy and promotion of excellence in cultural management and policy across an international network.

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