

CONNECTING ICT AND ART COMMUNITIES: NEW RESEARCH AVENUES, CHALLENGES, AND EXPECTED IMPACT*FET-ART final report***Roger Torrenti, 2014****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The FET-ART project (www.ict-art-connect.eu) aimed to connect the European ICT and Art communities, and foster productive dialogue and collaborative work between them, in order to identify new research avenues, associated challenges, and the potential impact of ICT and Art collaboration on science, technology, art, education and society in general.

The FET-ART Coordination and Support Action succeeded in identifying and connect the pillars of an efficient co-creation ecosystem. The building of a large European network connecting existing initiatives and structures, facilitating information exchange and mobility is considered being the underlying support of innovation in ICT research and dissemination. A set of recommendations towards the creation of new research avenues is the result of the set of activities carried out by the project. These recommendations can be summarized as follows: - The systematisation of transdisciplinary programmes including artists as part of a scientific or technological research core team, being their shared space and direction open-ended; - The amplification of the disciplines spectrum beyond Art and Technology (including e.g. Science and Humanities)

The two central activities of the project have been the organisation of consultation and matchmaking events and the identification and mentoring of residencies bringing together artists and technologists. In the development of these activities the consortium experimented a large set of consultation techniques and collaboration and mentoring methodologies, which – together with the anticipated set of recommendations - are a consistent part of the project legacy.

Finally, FET-ART has raised the interest of a large European community of practitioners and institutions willing to get involved in further activities and in contributing to the creation of new transdisciplinary research venues.