

## **EUROPEAN Program for Arts-based Research**

In 2009 the Program for Arts-based Research (PEEK) had been started. The program seeks to promote arts-based research. It is a funding program of the Austrian Science Fund, the funding agency for basic research in Austria, and was initiated by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research.

The goals of the Program are to support high quality and innovative arts-based research in which artistic practice is integral to the inquiry, to increase research capacity, quality and international standing of arts-based researchers, and to increase both public awareness and awareness within the academic and the arts communities of arts-based research and its potential applications.

Applications for the Program for Arts-based Research can be submitted within an annual Call. The identification of fundable projects is carried out under advice of an international advisory board and based on the reviews of experts. This peer-review procedure involves exclusively international expert reviewers (artists and academics with an appropriate background). Within the last three years a number of up to 400 experts had been contacted worldwide, an impressive source of expertise.

In 2009 and 2010 the FWF approved funding for seven projects each year, totalling over € 3.4m. 2011 six further projects had been approved for funding, a plus of at least € 1.5m.

**The Routledge Companion to Research in the Arts published 2010 stated, the Program for Arts-based Research (PEEK) is „truly international in its scope” and therefore the implementation of it into HORIZON 2020 on European level would be a clear and somehow evident step into the future of Europe. This is the opinion of Gerald Bast, President of the University of Applied Arts, and it is shared by many stakeholders of the respective community in Austria and on an international level.**

For further details (programme document, guidelines...) please use the following link:  
[www.fwf.ac.at/en/projects/peek.html](http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/projects/peek.html)

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