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Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren, liebe Verbandsmitglieder

Noch rechtzeitig zum Start der Sommerpause wollen wir Sie mit einem Newsletter versorgen und ein Lebenszeichen von uns geben. Sie finden eine Zusammenstellung von Presseberichten, die uns erwähnenswert erscheinen, hier beigelegt und wie immer nach unseren Kerndossiers geordnet. Umfangreich ist die Sammlung für das erste Halbjahr 2021 geworden – Sie haben bzw. hätten genügend Lesestoff, auch wenn es den ganzen Sommer über weiter regnet!

Vor allem aber will ich Ihnen berichten, dass wir im Frühjahr 2021 (wie im letzten Bericht angekündigt) im Kanton Zürich im Namen des VKMS ein förmliches Gesuch für ein **sog. Transformationsprojekt** eingereicht haben. Sinn und Zweck des Projektes ist es für unsere Verbandsmitglieder im Rahmen des dynamischen Prozesses der Digitalisierung im Kunstmarkt eine taugliche Hilfestellung zu bieten, damit auch kleineren Betrieben wie den klassischen Programmgalerien ein Zugang zu digitalen Geschäftsmodellen nicht verwehrt wird. Denn es ist klar für uns, dass der Kunstmarkt nach der Pandemie nicht mehr derselbe sein wird wie der zuvor. Wir alle sehnen uns nach physischen Begegnungen und Kunstgenuss, erste Messen öffnen zaghaft ihre Tore – doch die digitale Welt wird bleiben. Und genau hier wollen wir mit unserem Projekt einsetzen: digitale showrooms aber auch Themen wie Zustandsberichte,

Authentizität und Provenienz von Kunstwerken, Abschluss und Abwicklung von Transaktionen, Geldwäschereiprävention u.a.m. werden zunehmend durch den Einsatz von digitalen Lösungen geprägt. Wir verfolgen hier die Entwicklung des Marktes sehr genau und versuchen für die Verbandsmitglieder attraktive Vorzugsangebote zu erarbeiten.

Den aktuellen Stand der Arbeiten in unseren **sechs Kerndossiers** (1.) Urheberrecht, (2.) Geldwäschereiprävention, (3.) Kulturgüterschutz, (4.) Raubkunst, (5.) Zoll und MWST, (6.) Kunstmarkt Diverses / Digitalisierung / Unterstützung von Kunstmessen finden Sie auch weiterhin in unserer stets aktuell gehaltenen [Webseite](#) zusammengefasst. Unser Hauptaugenmerk lag freilich auch in den letzten Monaten selbstredend bei den Auswirkungen der COVID19-Krise für den Kunsthandel in allen Ausprägungen – hier sind wir im Dialog mit Bundes- und kantonalen Stellen oder etwa der Pro Helvetia, wenn es um die Einrichtung bzw. Aufrechterhaltung sinnvoller Rahmenbedingungen geht, damit Antikenhändler, Primärmarkt-Galeristen, Sekundärmarkthändler und Auktionatoren auch weiterhin ihrem Geschäft nachgehen können.

Diesem Newsletter beigefügt finden Sie schliesslich einen kurzen und pragmatischen **Fragebogen**, um dessen Beantwortung wir Sie bitten. Es geht uns darum Ihre Befindlichkeiten und Ihre Bedürfnisse zu erfassen – nicht zuletzt auch im Hinblick auf eine physische Veranstaltung für unsere Mitglieder, die hoffentlich im Herbst diesen Jahres wieder wird abgehalten werden können.

[Hier](#) geht es zum Fragebogen.

In diesem Sinne wünsche ich Ihnen eine erholsame Sommer- und Ferienzeit.

Mit den besten Grüßen,

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