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## AN ACT OF RESILIENCE & SOLIDARITY

Even if their doors have to stay closed in these testing times, live music venues and clubs are by essence spaces of openness, discovery, and diversity. To valorise these dynamics is why Open Club Day was created in the first place. Since March 2020, the entire live music ecosystem is in danger. Venues and clubs are fighting for their survival.

These live music stages are places of artistic development and play a great role in individual and collective emancipation. They give jobs to thousands of people and are the source of joy, entertainment and cultural discovery for millions of European citizens.

Now more than ever, we must support our local music scenes. Live music professionals need to receive the recognition they deserve! Since the outbreak of this unprecedented crisis, they have been working restlessly to keep their artistic hubs active and to maintain the bond with their communities! They repeatedly challenge themselves to find creative solutions to adapt to the crisis. They are committed to keeping their places, teams, and audiences safe by applying the sanitary protocols.

From local to European level, let [Open] Club Day be a celebration of the power that live music venues and clubs have of bringing people together and pumping life into our societies! Together, let's seize this opportunity to foster better understanding of the harsh realities of our local live music stages!

We still do not know if venues and clubs in Europe will be able to open their doors on Saturday, 6th of February and allow people to discover what usually happens behind their scenes.

Open or not, let's join forces & make this 4th European edition of [Open] Club Day a symbol of resilience and solidarity!



