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Coordination, Trust, and Shared Governance in CARAVANE

This newsletter focuses on coordination and shared governance within CARAVANE. Managing a transnational, multi-partner cultural project requires more than administrative oversight; it demands trust, dialogue, and collective responsibility.

CARAVANE approaches coordination as a relational process, recognising governance as an ongoing practice shaped by communication and care.

Coordination within CARAVANE is built on shared understanding rather than centralised control. While roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, decision-making processes remain collaborative and transparent.

Regular communication plays a central role. Meetings, exchanges, and informal conversations allow partners to align expectations, address challenges, and adapt plans collectively.

Trust develops gradually through collaboration. By working together across laboratories, exchanges, and events, partners build confidence in one another's capacities and intentions.

Shared governance requires attentiveness to difference. Partners operate within different institutional contexts and constraints, which are acknowledged and respected within coordination processes.

Flexibility is essential. CARAVANE allows for adjustments in response to changing circumstances, recognising that rigid structures can hinder rather than support collaboration.

Ethical responsibility is integrated into governance. Considerations related to participant wellbeing, inclusion, and data protection inform decision-making across the project.

Coordination also supports coherence. While activities remain locally grounded, shared governance ensures that they contribute to CARAVANE's overall vision and values.

Challenges are approached collectively rather than individually. When difficulties arise, partners engage in dialogue to identify solutions that respect both local autonomy and collective goals.

This approach strengthens ownership. Partners feel responsible not only for their own activities, but for the project as a whole.

Over time, coordination becomes a space of learning. Partners refine collaborative skills that extend beyond the project itself.

Epilogue – Governance as Care

CARAVANE demonstrates that coordination can be a form of care. By embedding trust, dialogue, and shared responsibility into governance structures, the project supports meaningful collaboration across borders.

This approach contributes to a legacy of cooperative practice that continues to inform partners' future collaborations and cultural initiatives.



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