



Announcing State Machines - a new European collaboration

At this critical juncture for debates on nationalism, freedom of movement, borders and law, we are delighted to announce a new EU Culture Fund Cooperation project: State Machines - Art, Work, and Identity in an Age of Planetary-Scale Computation.

Five partner organisations - [Aksioma](#) (SI), [Drugo more](#) (HR), [Furtherfield](#) (UK) [Institute of Network Cultures](#) (NL) and [NeMe](#) (CY) - will lead an ambitious and far-reaching programme that investigates the new relationships between states, citizens and the stateless made possible by emerging technologies.

Over the next two years the programme will empower the digital subjects of today to become active, engaged and effective digital citizens of tomorrow. Activities include: **workshops** on blockchain technology; **research** into new cognitive models and forms of citizenship; **conferences** on democratic participation and networked cultural production; **art exhibitions**; new **commissions**; and **publications** building new kinds of literacy for digital understanding and participation.

Today, we live in a world where every time we turn on our smartphones, we are inextricably tied by data, laws and flowing bytes across national borders, in which every personal expression is framed and mediated by digital platforms, and where new kinds of currencies, financial exchange and even labour bypass corporations and governments. At the same time, the same technologies increase governmental powers of surveillance, allow corporations to extract ever more complex working arrangements and do little to slow the construction of actual walls along actual borders. **What tools do we need to understand this world, and how can art assist in envisioning and enacting other possible futures?**

We hope that you will join us on our adventure. To keep updated and join State Machines activities you can:

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