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Subject: Mobility in culture
- *Information from the Italian delegation*

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Italian delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 22-23 May 2017.

Mobility in culture

The Italian Minister of Culture and his Colleagues of France and Germany have recently signed a joint Letter addressed to the European Commissioner Tibor Navracscics and to the President of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament, the Hon. Petra Kammerevert, aimed at stressing the need to consider a future, new dimension for culture professionals and cultural mobility.

The initiative is based on the background of the European Agenda for culture as well as of the Commission Communication “Towards a EU strategy for the International cultural relations” and within the frameworks of both the Creative Europe and Erasmus+ programs.

The intention is to foresee a specific initiative, “Mobility in Culture”, aimed at fostering and supporting exchanges and stages, such as residence programs for apprentices and young professionals, with a specific focus on cultural and creative professionals and artists. The broad focus of the program will reach out not only to a small elite, but to a wider range of young people with various educational and cultural backgrounds.

The European Year for Cultural Heritage in 2018 could be an ideal stage for launching this initiative.

Italy would be keen to inform the EYCS-Culture Council more in details about the nature and scope of such a proposal.