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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Council

Subject: European Youth Together
- *Information from the Commission*

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Commission 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 and 23 May 2018.

European Youth Together

'European Youth Together' is a new initiative under the Erasmus+ programme. It aims to bring together young people from different regions of Europe – East, West, North, South – enabling them to learn more about the EU and about each other and helping to strengthen a sense of belonging to a European community of communities.

The initiative will create networks promoting regional partnerships to be run in close cooperation with young people from across Europe. The networks would organise exchanges, promote training (for instance for youth leaders), and allow young people themselves to set up joint projects.

The scope of the 'European Youth Together' actions should build on the experience obtained through the 'New Narrative for Europe'¹ and other youth policy and programme initiatives aiming to promote young people's participation in European public life as well as cross-border exchanges and mobility activities.

'European Youth Together' will support projects involving at least five youth organisations from five different Erasmus+ programme countries to share their ideas about the EU, encourage wider civic participation and help foster a sense of European citizenship. Thematic priorities are active citizenship, network-building, European values and European citizenship, democratic participation, democratic resilience and social inclusion related to youth.

The Call for Proposals was launched on 16 April 2018. The deadline to send in proposals is 25 May 2018. The projects are planned to start by September 2018.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/culture/policy/new-narrative_en

The initiative will specifically support:

- the promotion and development of more structured cooperation between different youth organisations to build or strengthen partnerships;
 - youth organisations involved in initiatives to encourage young people to participate in the democratic process and in society by organising trainings, showcase what young Europeans from different regions have in common and encourage discussion and debate on their connection to the EU, its values and democratic foundations. This will include organising events as a lead-up to the 2019 elections to the European Parliament;
 - efforts to boost participation of under-represented groups of young people in politics, youth organisations and other civil society organisations by engaging vulnerable and socioeconomic disadvantaged youth.
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