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Subject: New narrative for Europe  
- *Information from the Commission*

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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 20-21 November 2017.

## **New Narrative for Europe**

As President Juncker said in his State of the Union speech last September "the future of Europe cannot be decided by decree. It has to be the result of democratic debate and, ultimately, broad consensus" if we want a more united, stronger and more democratic Europe.

The New Narrative for Europe aims at fostering a debate on Europe and the way forward with young people, especially those usually not heard or involved in EU matters, and bringing the EU closer to its citizens. This action is very much a two-way process of listening and providing feedback to young citizens' proposals and concerns. It has an overall 5-year lifecycle, as a pilot project first and then as a preparatory action.

As the New Narrative for Europe project is approaching its end, the moment is suitable for a short stock-taking of its results with Member States. The Commission would like to share with the Ministers some of the outcomes of this initiative, such as the "12 ideas for the future of Europe" and present to the Ministers its views on how, within existing means and resources, to turn some of the main ideas presented by young Europeans into concrete results in the future.

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