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OF THE COUNCIL establishing 'Erasmus': the Union programme
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- Statements

Joint Statement by France, Greece, Cyprus and Belgium on delegated acts

France, Greece, Cyprus and Belgium are expressing their concerns with regard to the use of delegated acts in the case of the evaluation indicators for the Erasmus+ program (foreseen in articles 20 and 30) and for the European Solidarity Corps (foreseen in articles 19 and 29).

Evaluation indicators define the parameters that are estimated crucial for the implementation of the programs, offering the necessary policy guidelines to those who are vested with the responsibility to implement them. Consequently, they have a political character and delegated acts are not the appropriate procedure to elaborate and select them. The procedure of delegated acts does not allow an in-depth debate and a co-elaboration of such indicators to take place.

Therefore France, Greece, Cyprus and Belgium regret the choice made in the above articles, which shall not constitute a precedent for the future.

Statement with regard to the draft regulation on the future programme

Erasmus+ (2021-2027)

The Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia welcome the Austrian Presidency compromise proposal on the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027 which will boost learning mobility within and beyond Europe as well as facilitate transnational institutional cooperation in education, training, youth and sport.

The Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia wish to underline that support through the Erasmus+ programme should normally be granted following a call for proposals and a thorough evaluation process of applications. Direct support to institutions through the programme, such as the Jean Monnet actions, can only be justified when institutions are unique and pursue activities of a common interest to the Union.

With regard to Jean Monnet actions referred to in article 7 of the programme proposal, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia support the goals to 1) stimulate teaching, learning and research in European integration matters as well as to 2) contribute to the development of excellence in European integration studies. To this end the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia embrace the monitoring and evaluation mentioned in recital 31 with regard to the development of the institutions which will be funded under article 7c of the proposal.

The Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia urge the European Commission to:

- ensure that the evaluation of the institutions funded under article 7c and referred to in recital 31, will be completed by the time of the interim evaluation mentioned in article 21.2;
- carry out a mapping exercise with the view to examining the existence of institutions in the Member States pursuing an aim of European interest and European integration studies;
- develop - on the basis of the evaluation and the mapping exercise - funding criteria until 2027 with the aim of facilitating open and transparent selection procedures for such institutional funding in a possible successor programme from 2028 onwards.

Statement by Portugal, Greece and France with regard to the draft regulation on the future programme Erasmus+ (2021-2027)

Portugal, Greece and France welcome the Austrian Presidency compromise proposal on the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027, which will support the educational, professional and personal development of people in education, training, youth and sport, fostering learning mobility and transnational institutional cooperation, in Europe and beyond, thereby contributing to sustainable growth, jobs and social cohesion and to strengthening European identity and citizenship.

Portugal, Greece and France warmly welcome and wish to **underline the inclusive approach of the Erasmus+ programme for 2021-2027**, one of the greater added value of the future programme for education, training, youth and sport.

Portugal, Greece and France consider that **the new programme should be effectively inclusive** and that excluding adult learners from Key Action 1 (Learning mobility activity), the unique learner group from education and training sector excluded from KA1, will send a negative signal, including at political level.

This is why Portugal, Greece and France express their **concerns related to the fact that the draft regulation on the future programme does not include a reference to the learning mobility of adult learners in Key Action 1, in article 4.**

Portugal, Greece and France recall that, under the current Erasmus+ programme, pupils from school education are not included in Key Action 1, and that, within the future Erasmus+ programme for 2021-2027, the pupils learning mobility will be funded under Key Action 1, as specifically stated in Article 4.

Therefore, Portugal and Greece **urge the European Commission to:**

- ensure that, **under the future programme for education, training, youth and sport (2021-2027), efforts will be made to promote the adult learning mobility;**
 - **carry out a study to examine the impacts of adult learning mobility if funded under Key Action 1** (both financial and administrative), with the view to a potential funding of learning mobility for all adults within a possible successor programme from 2028 onwards.
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