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— Partial general approach

— Member States' statements

Delegations will find attached two statements for inclusion in the Council minutes.

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Joint statement by Germany, Ireland and Italy on the Creative Europe programme (2021 to 2027), on the regulation text and on the European Youth Orchestra

Germany, Ireland and Italy wholeheartedly welcome the decision to maintain the European funding programme Creative Europe, with its lines of funding for culture and audiovisual media, as an independent, visible programme through the period 2021 to 2027. Following negotiations in the Council working party and the debate in the meeting of the European ministers responsible for culture and media, we now have a strong foundation for our future work.

However, Germany, Ireland and Italy can only agree to the text with reservations, given that efforts to explicitly anchor the European Union Youth Orchestra in the draft sectoral regulation failed. Germany, Ireland and Italy will therefore approve the funding programme in the hope and expectation that a long-term, stable financial basis will continue to be provided for the European Youth Orchestra in the period 2021 to 2027.

The European Youth Orchestra is an outstanding institution that serves as a showpiece of European culture and an ambassador for the European project. The orchestra also represents transnational cooperation among young musicians. Germany, Ireland and Italy therefore regret the omission of a strong political signal in support of the European Union Youth Orchestra. Germany and Ireland also made clear their desire to ensure secure future funding of the EUYO at the meeting of EU culture and media ministers on 27 November 2018. Nonetheless, Germany, Ireland and Italy acknowledge that specific inclusion in the regulation text of an entity to be funded should generally remain the exception.

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Joint statement by Germany, France, Belgium, Greece and Cyprus on delegated acts

Germany, France, Belgium, Greece and Cyprus are expressing their concerns with regard to the use of delegated acts (foreseen in articles 17 and 19) in order to develop the provisions for a monitoring and evaluation framework, including by reviewing or supplementing the indicators of Annex II.

These evaluation indicators are crucial for the further development of the programme. That's why Germany, France, Belgium, Greece and Cyprus consider that these indicators are to listed in the basic act and thus be adopted by the European legislator, i.e. the European Parliament and the Council, rather than by the European Commission by way of delegated acts.

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