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Subject: **3577th** meeting of the Council of the European Union
(Education, Youth, Culture and Sport),
held in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 2017

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"A" ITEMS

MEETING ON MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2017 (10:00)

2. Approval of "A" items

– Non-legislative list

14310/17

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in [14310/17](#).

For the following item, the related documents should read as follows:

Foreign Affairs

5. Relations with Armenia

13434/17

a) Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the EU-Armenia CEPA and EU-Armenia CEPA

+ COR 1

Adoption

12542/17

12543/17

b) Council Decision on the conclusion of the EU-Armenia CEPA on behalf of the EU

+ **COR 1 (da)**

Approval

12547/17

12548/17

c) Council Decision on the conclusion of the EU-Armenia CEPA on behalf of Euratom

+ COR 1

Adoption

+ ADD 1-5

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 25.10.2017

+ ADD 2 COR 1

+ ADD 4 COR 1

Statements related to these items are set out in the [Annex of 14592/17 INIT](#).

"B" ITEMS

YOUTH


Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

3. Regulation on the European Solidarity Corps (ESC)

 9845/17


General approach

 14188/17

The Council reached a general approach on the text which can be found in [14188/17](#).

The IT delegation did not support the text and the Commission maintained its reservations.

Non-legislative activities

5. **What's next? The issues that matter to young people and possible European efforts to address these issues**  13548/17
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (13548/17). The policy debate was launched by an external guest speaker Professor Howard Williamson (University of South Wales).

Ministers inter alia highlighted the necessity to hear the voices of young people when the new EU Youth Strategy is prepared, and in particular stressed the importance of reaching out to vulnerable young people and those that are difficult to reach. They also stressed migration and its effect on young people, the need for decent jobs and quality education, the mental health problems of young people, and safe use of internet and social media as well active participation with new platforms as possible topics that could be covered by the future EU Youth Strategy.

EDUCATION

9. **The future of skills and the changing role of vocational education and training**  13540/17
Policy debate + COR 1

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (13540/17). An introduction to the debate was given by Mr Risto Mäeots, the CEO of Magnetic MRO.

Ministers highlighted the importance of raising awareness among young people of the attractiveness of VET, as well as the importance of promoting lifelong learning and fostering the flexibility of education systems. The need to incorporate new methods and digital possibilities to VET was also raised.

MEETING ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017 (9:30)

CULTURE/AUDIOVISUAL

12. **The role of culture in building cohesive societies in Europe** 13419/17
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (13149/17). The debate was preceded by an introductory speech given by Ms Helen Sildna, creative entrepreneur and social activist.

Ministers underlined the importance of culture as a driving force of European societies and European integration, which has to be matched with adequate financial resources. The need to cooperate and undertake specific cultural projects at both national and EU levels that could attract European citizens and thus create a sense of belonging was also mentioned. Many ministers also highlighted the opportunity that the upcoming European Year of Cultural Heritage represents in this regard.

Any other business

Culture/Audiovisual

- 16 e) **Current legislative proposal**
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- **Regulation on the import of cultural goods - active participation from a cultural politics point of view** 11272/17
Information from the German delegation C 13928/17

The Council took note of the information provided by the DE delegation, supported by the AT and FR delegations.

h) Current legislative proposal

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)


- **Review of the Directive on audiovisual media services (AVMS)**




Information from the Presidency on the state of play

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the interventions of a number of delegations.

 First reading

 Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

 Item based on a Commission proposal.