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Subject: Standing Conference of Ministers of Education on 'The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal'
- Information from the Latvian delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Latvian delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda under 'Any other business' of the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 16 May 2023.

Standing Conference of Ministers of Education on

‘The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal’

Information from the Latvian delegation

During its Presidency of the Council of Europe from May to November 2023, Latvia will chair the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education on ‘**The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal**’. At the outcome of the Conference, Ministers will adopt the Council of Europe Education Strategy 2030 as well as resolutions outlining their commitments.

The Ministers’ discussion is intended to provide a vision of the future, promoting values-based education, the right to education in crisis and emergency situations, and emphasising the impact of digital transformation. The results of the Conference will promote Europe-wide discussions on these issues and can contribute to further development of education and training systems in the EU Member States, as envisaged in the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030). The Conference topics align with the goal of EU cooperation in education and training – to ensure personal, social and professional fulfilment of all citizens, whilst promoting democratic values, equality, social cohesion, active citizenship, and intercultural dialogue, as well as sustainable economic prosperity, the green and digital transitions, and employability.