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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 **(first reading)**  
- Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

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1. On 30 May 2018 the Commission sent its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Articles 165(4) and 166(4) of the TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 17 October 2018<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 6 February 2019<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 9574/18.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 62, 15.2.2019, p. 194–200.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 168, 16.5.2019, p. 49–73.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 28 March 2019<sup>4</sup>.
5. On 18 December 2020, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed the final compromise text on the above draft Regulation.
6. On 11 January 2021, the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education endorsed the final compromise text and by the means of a letter of 15 January 2021, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education informed the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee that the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.
7. Due to the special circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2021/454<sup>5</sup>, that the Council uses the written procedure to agree to the adoption of its position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, as set out in document 14148/20, and the Statement of reasons, as set out in document 14148/20 ADD 1.
8. The statement by the Commission on the specific allocations for the platforms of Centres of vocational excellence is set out in ADD 1 to this Note and will be published in the *Official Journal*.

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<sup>4</sup> 7928/19.

<sup>5</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2021/454 of 12 March 2021 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 89, 16.3.2021, p. 15–16).