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NOTE TO THE FILE

**Subject: Open Method of Coordination expert group on "Cultural awareness and expression" (Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014, Priority A) – Reimbursement of experts**

Open Method of Coordination (OMC) expert group on Cultural awareness and expression, will begin its work in 2014 pursuant to the Work Plan for Culture 2011-2014 (priority A).

The aim of the group will be to contribute to the definition of understanding of how this key competence may be translated into school curricula and supported by informal and non formal learning, and of how it may be assessed.

"Cultural awareness and expression" is one of the eight key competences identified in the European framework for key competences for lifelong learning. The framework, released in 2006, defines the key abilities and knowledge that everyone needs in order to achieve employment, personal fulfilment, social inclusion and active citizenship in today's rapidly changing world.

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/key\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/key_en.htm)

The work of the group will build on the indications of the 2011 Council conclusions on cultural and creative competences and their role in building Europe's intellectual capital, adopted in November 2011, which invited Member States and the Commission to actively support the acquisition of cultural and creative competences throughout lifelong learning.

The specific nature of the topic requires the work of the group to be founded on a close synergy between education and culture experts. For this reason, membership is foreseen for **experts who at the national level combine the responsibilities and vision for both education and culture**. However, in case this is not possible, a second expert may be nominated. In this case the Commission may reimburse travel expenses for two participants per Member State, representing two different services.

*Participation of two experts is to be seen as an exception - a justified one - not as a general de facto rule.*

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