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Subject: Expert group on peer-learning on "how to promote the creativity and innovative capacity of young people by identifying competences and skills acquired through non-formal and informal learning relevant for employability"

The Council of Youth Ministers adopted the Conclusions on "fostering the creative and innovative potential of young people" at its meeting of 11th May, which invited the Commission and Member States to set up a new expert group.

The mandate for an expert group is to share best practice on:

- *promoting the creativity and innovative capacity of young people*
- *identifying competences and skills acquired through non-formal and informal learning relevant for employability*

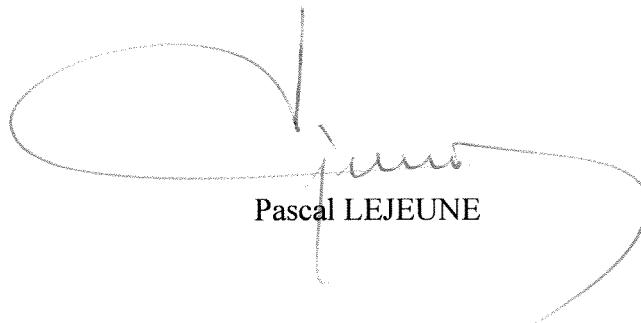
The group will be composed of national experts to be assigned by Member States. The group will appoint its own chair and can decide to invite other participants, independent experts, stakeholders and representatives of European third countries.

The Commission will provide expertise, as well as logistical and secretarial support to the work of the thematic expert group. The exact focus, issues for discussion and the group's outcome will be refined in cooperation with the chair and the group itself.

We intend to ensure that the group adds value to on-going work within the Commission in relation to skills development and would appreciate the closer cooperation of all the services concerned. We would ask you to nominate a representative from your directorate who can (i) inform us on the existence of relevant background material (studies, statistics, agreed concepts or definitions, benchmarks etc.), (ii) refer to experts and

stakeholders that could be involved in this group and (iii) report on the results of this expert group to the benefit of your respective policy areas.

We would appreciate receiving the names of contact persons by **end August**. Your services can contact Ms Floor van Houdt (91228) and Ms Lucie Lekesova (92442) in unit EAC.E.1 as regards questions on nominations and any other issues in relation to the establishment of the expert group.



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