



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

*Brussels, 19.1.2018  
C(2018) 44 final*

*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 establishing the Creative Europe programme (2014 to 2020) {COM(2017) 385 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's positive assessment with regard to the subsidiarity and the proportionality principles.*

*As the Opinion of the Senato della Repubblica underlines, the European Union Youth Orchestra was founded in 1976 and has been performing in the name of the European Union for the last 40 years. Since its inception, the European Union Youth Orchestra has played a unique role in promoting intercultural dialogue, mutual respect and understanding through culture and has acted as a cultural ambassador for the Union by showcasing the richness and diversity of European cultures and emerging talents. The Commission is convinced that its proposal will provide a sustainable financial basis for the European Union Youth Orchestra for the duration of the Creative Europe Programme (2014-2020).*

*The proposal is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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