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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation establishing the Creative Europe programme (2021 to 2027) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1295/2013 {COM(2018) 366 final} and the proposal for a Regulation establishing Erasmus' the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 {COM(2018) 367 final}.

The Commission is pleased that the Assembleia da República appreciates the positive effects of these two programmes. The Commission has put forward its proposals for the future programmes with a view to ensuring the continuity of the current programmes and to respond to the European Council Conclusions of 14 December 2017, which stressed that 'Education and culture are key to building inclusive and cohesive societies, and to sustaining our competitiveness. In Gothenburg we expressed a willingness to do more in these areas, in which the EU plays an important supplementing and supporting role'¹.

The proposals aim to enhance the impact of the two programmes even further, not least by increasing the budget dedicated to them, which will give more individuals and institutions the opportunity to experience European identity in the making.

¹ <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/32204/14-final-conclusions-rev1-en.pdf>

The Commission welcomes the assessment of the Assembleia da República that these proposals comply with the subsidiarity principle. The very nature of their objectives and the type of activities they foresee, imply that individual Member States could not achieve these goals on their own.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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