

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on  
the Proposal for a Council Recommendation on promoting common values,  
inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching  
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The Chamber of Deputies expresses its support regarding the fundamental values of the Union and considers that tolerance, promotion of common values, moral and citizenship education, education favourable to inclusion represents a guarantee of a future as today's children and youth wish. In this respect, it calls for a detailed analysis of Union policies aimed at education and sustainable development, especially those which currently are in a process of development or reforming, with the purpose of identifying and correcting objectives to which the next generation relates.

Also, it underlines that there is a great variety of recent challenges – populism, xenophobia, divisive nationalism, discrimination, radicalisation – which, under the form of using the digitised environment, imposes enhancement of effort for in-depth knowledge, in regard to control and tackle them, by correlating and processing available information in diverse national cultures. Thus, it considers that the European Commission's efforts should be predominantly oriented towards supporting physical exchanges between schools from Member States and less towards virtual exchanges.

The Chamber of Deputies considers that geographical and historical relevance for knowledge about social, religious and cultural diversity, heritage and traditions of the European space should be put together with other classic study areas, providing a clear framework for being aware of EU origins, reasons for its creation and its basic functioning.

2018 – The European year of cultural heritage has the objective of raising the public awareness regarding the common history and values, and in this respect, the favourable framework is expected to be offered in order to continue developing Union's common values, on a democratic basis, with the involvement of local communities and business sector.

The Chamber of Deputies is preoccupied with the direction of action aiming that all children be registered in education systems from an early age, and considers that education must be supported by family, in the first place, and also by teachers and community.