

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the
Proposal for a Council Recommendation on Key Competences for Lifelong
Learning
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The Chamber of Deputies supports the opinion of the European Commission according to which competences such as creativity, critical thinking, taking initiative and problem solving play an important role in confronting the changes and complexity of today's society, as well as in enforcing resilience, through an ample set of competences and through the capacity to adapt to change, new types of jobs. In this context, the current situation should be approached correctly taking into consideration that major investments will be necessary in competences and a rethinking of education and lifelong learning systems.

The Chamber of Deputies considers that the European Education Area should be extended beyond the institutionalised sphere in order to include as much categories of persons and entities with a role in education, such as short courses providers, extracurricular activities organisers, establishments of training or apprenticeship organisation from the areas of industry, agriculture and services.

Furthermore, the Chamber of Deputies considers that it is necessary to continue to mainstream effort at Union level of validation of non-formal and informal learning and assessing progress in this respect in order to allow for effective development of such courses of action in Member States up to a comparable level to the Union.