

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the  
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council,  
the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the  
Regions – A New European Agenda for Culture  
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The Chamber of Deputies supports the objective of enhancing the cultural capacity of Member States by quality cultural activities, promoting opportunities of participation and creation for all, and consolidating connections between culture, education, social affairs, urban policy, research and innovation. In this context, proposes the elaboration of a project dedicated to rural areas, similar to that entitled “Spaces and cultural and creative cities”, in order to promote cultural and participation and social regeneration, and extending the “Creative Europe” programme to support more strongly the mobility of professionals from cultural and creative sectors.

The Chamber of Deputies recommends the establishment of certain courses of action for the European Union in order to support cultural activities in school and extracurricular, formal and non-formal environment, as part of the European Education Area. Also, it recommends the distinct and extended approach of the rural area for achieving the objective of the European Agenda for Culture, regarding exploiting the potential of culture and cultural diversity for social cohesion and well-being.

Altogether, recommends establishing an organisational framework of voluntary cooperation between Member States in order to elaborate action plans for the cultural heritage at national level, and underlines the added value of integrating this plan with other plans and programmes from the areas of environment protection and landscape preservation.