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to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible harmonisation at EU level between trade agreements and cultural exchange programmes

The European Union's trade policy constitutes a fundamental tool with which to conclude a vast network of ever more ambitious and balanced free trade agreements which take the principles of reciprocity and shared commitment as their basis and promote successfully all the European Union's interests.

The role of education and training in national and EU growth agendas is constantly expanding, with the result that policy discussions on its future role are more important than ever – and could feed into the next revision of the Europe 2020 Strategy. The impact of investment on sustainable economic growth, on promoting competitiveness and on job creation only serves to highlight this.

Does the Commission consider, in this context, that a discussion on how agreements on trade, education, vocational training, employment and training in entrepreneurship interrelate already would be relevant?

Would it be possible, in the Commission's view, to harmonise trade agreements and cultural exchange programmes such as Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, with a view to helping to promote mobility and develop international economic and cultural cooperation, and would this be desirable?