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to the Commission**

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Subject: Supporting the EU's cultural and creative industries

The cultural and creative industries are hugely important for the EU, both economically and in terms of their contribution to education, culture, development and democracy.

It is therefore vital to ensure that the European institutions lend adequate support to the businesses that belong to this industry and promote an appreciation of its value across European society.

What action is the Commission taking to ensure the EU's cultural and creative industries are supported and recognised?

How has this sector been affected by the economic crisis over the past few years, and what measures are being implemented to assist in overcoming the crisis?