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to the Commission
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Subject: Creative Europe

In December 2013, the Creative Europe programme was given the green light by the EU in a bid to promote Europe's cultural and creative sectors. The programme was allocated an overall budget of EUR 1.46 billion.

The programme's stated aims include helping the cultural and creative sectors seize the opportunities of the digital age, fostering sustainable growth, jobs and social cohesion, and giving Europe's culture sectors access to new international opportunities and markets. A financial guarantee facility of up to EUR 750 million for small businesses active in the sector is also set to be established in 2016.

Could the Commission provide an overview of the progress made in the first two years of the programme? Specifically, how many projects have been funded, how much funding has been allocated and what is the state of play regarding the financial guarantee for small businesses?