

**Question for written answer E-004178/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding for the European Union Youth Orchestra

The European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO), set up in 1976, has been successful through the years in bringing together young people from all 28 EU Member States to express European unity through musical expression and partnership. On 12 May 2016, the EUYO announced that it will cease operations as from September 2016 following its failure to obtain financial support through EU funding.

Following this unsuccessful bid for funding under the EU's Creative Europe funding programme, does the Commission have any plans to provide an alternative source of funding in order to ensure the survival of this very important aspect of pan-European culture?