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Answer given by Mr Navracsics  
on behalf of the Commission  
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Music is the cultural and creative sector which has been most affected by the digital shift and has gone through dramatic transformations. The Music Moves Europe initiative aims at getting a better understanding of the new challenges and opportunities of the music sector in Europe, with the goal to redefine EU support towards music and basing it on the genuine needs of the sector. There was a first meeting of key players in December 2015 and a series of workshops in spring 2016. The results<sup>1</sup> were presented at the MIDEM<sup>2</sup> music fair in France in June 2016, together with the outline of a strategy and tools. This initiative was promoted under the Creative Europe (CE) programme: a total of EUR 180 000 has been spent to cover the costs of the working group, 5 thematic workshops and the organisation of the European Music Forum. Over the last 2 years, CE has supported more than 50 music-related projects with a budget close to EUR 40 million.

The Commission is committed to continuing this initiative in the framework of its enhanced support for cultural and creative industries. Three areas have been identified for further work: Professionalization, Education and Training: equipping artists and music professionals with the necessary skills; Innovation and Creativity: providing more specific support to SMEs, micro-companies and start-ups; Distribution and Diversity: adding innovative funding opportunities for new models of artists' mobility and creativity, as well as for the circulation of repertoire.

The Commission is aware that the European Parliament had considered launching a preparatory action (PA) in the field of music creating conditions for a new EU programme after 2020. The Commission notes that this PA was finally not supported by the European Parliament.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/ab-music-working-group\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/sites/creative-europe/files/ab-music-working-group_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/content/creative-europe-midem-2016\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/content/creative-europe-midem-2016_en)