

**Question for written answer P-000647/2016  
to the Council**

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Subject: Dutch Presidency's culture and education priorities

At the meeting of the Committee on Culture and Education on 26 January 2016, Ms Jet Bussemaker, the Dutch Minister for Education, Culture and Science, announced that the Dutch Presidency would seek to address the socio-economic convergence of the Member States through education, particularly with a view to meeting shared educational challenges.

She added that European education programmes such as Erasmus+ should be instruments for fostering interculturality in response to the complex of problems concerning migrants.

1. Does the Council, under the Dutch Presidency, propose to call into question Article 6 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, under which culture and education are areas that fall exclusively within the competence of the Member States?
2. Will the Dutch Presidency have other priorities than fostering multiculturalism, such as enhancing professional training or promoting national cultures?