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Amendment 1
Michel Reimon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Notes that in 2013, **the key priority for** the DG Education and Culture (DG EAC) and the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) **was to prepare for the implementation** of Erasmus+ and Creative Europe, the new programmes for the period of 2014–2020;

Amendment

1. Notes that in 2013 the DG Education and Culture (DG EAC) and the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) **had to focus on the elaboration** of Erasmus+ and Creative Europe, the new programmes for the period of 2014–2020;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Luigi Morgano, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Welcomes the fact that in 2013, the budget execution rate for the 2007–2013 programmes, in particular Lifelong Learning (LLP), Culture, Media and Youth in Action programmes was 100%; **notes** that at the end of the year, the mismatch between the adopted commitment and payment appropriations resulted in shortage of payments with negative repercussions on the following year; **is concerned** that a similar situation might develop in the context of the new programmes;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the fact that in 2013, the budget execution rate for the 2007–2013 programmes, in particular Lifelong Learning (LLP), Culture, Media and Youth in Action programmes was 100%; **is particularly worried** that at the end of the year, the mismatch between the adopted commitment and payment appropriations resulted in shortage of payments with **grave** negative repercussions on the following year; **regrets** that a similar situation might develop in the context of the new programmes, **which would in turn determine a dangerous loss of credibility by the European Union and would undermine the citizens' trust in the European institutions**;

Amendment 3
Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Sabine Verheyen

Draft opinion
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Amendment 4
Michel Reimon

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Paragraph 2

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repercussions on the following year; is concerned that a similar situation might develop in the context of the new programmes;

repercussions on the following year; is concerned that a similar situation might develop in the context of the new programmes ***and have disastrous consequences on participants to the programmes;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion
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Or. es

Amendment 6
Luigi Morgano, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Welcomes that since its launch in

1987, the Erasmus programme has reached and surpassed the 3 million students' benchmark; notes the sustained success this EU flagship programme – one that has contributed to European integration and the rising awareness of and sense of belonging to a common European citizenship – has enjoyed since its inception;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Luigi Morgano, Petra Kammerevert, Silvia Costa

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Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Is concerned that at the European level – as reported in the Eurobarometer Special Report 399 on cultural access and participation from 2013 – public budgets dedicated to the safeguard and promotion of cultural heritage are noticeably decreasing, as is participation in traditional cultural activities.

Considers, therefore, that the new EU instruments to support the European Agenda for Culture – such as the Creative Europe and Horizon 2020 programmes, or the Europeana cultural platform – must be strengthened;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Michel Reimon

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes with satisfaction that EACEA has further streamlined its selection processes and that it executed 96% of its payments within the contractual time limits; recalls that *delays* in payments directly affect the beneficiaries' rights; encourages the EACEA to further improve its control systems;

Amendment

3. Notes with satisfaction that EACEA has further streamlined its selection processes and that it executed 96% of its payments within the contractual time limits ***but regrets the treatment itself of the end reports tends to be unduly extended***; recalls that ***any delay*** in payments directly affect the beneficiaries' rights; encourages the EACEA to further improve its control systems ***but not at the expense of the beneficiaries***;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Liadh Ní Riada

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Recalls that in 2013, DG Communication organised several activities in the context of the European Year of Citizens 2013; notes that at the same time, there was an urgent need to prepare for 2014 budget cuts in the field of European Citizenship; highlights that Europe for Citizens programme serves as a unique and direct link between the EU and its citizens in order to support actions, petitions and civil rights; considers the present funding level far too low and emphasises that the programme be implemented within its content, becoming richer of initiatives empowering the values of European Citizenship; strongly opposes to any budget cuts to the Europe for Citizens programme 2014–2020.

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Or. bg

**Amendment 11
Georg Mayer**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

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Amendment

4. Recalls that in 2013, DG Communication organised several activities in the context of the European Year of Citizens 2013; notes that at the same time, there was **an urgent** need to prepare for 2014 budget cuts in the field of European Citizenship; highlights that Europe for Citizens programme serves as a **unique and** direct link between the EU and its citizens in order to support actions, petitions and civil rights; considers the present funding level **far too low** and emphasises that the programme be implemented within its content, **becoming richer of initiatives empowering the**

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Or. de

Amendment 12
Michel Reimon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Isabella Adinolfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Supports a mid-term review of the 2014-2020 MFF as a means of putting an end to the untenable situation whereby programmes which already been approved, and which are therefore being implemented, are compromised by a lack of resources and non-payment of funding by the EU.

Or. es

Amendment 15
Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Sabine Verheyen, Fernando Maura Barandiarán

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Welcomes the positive progress in strengthening of the cultural dimension in the EU Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in 2013, including the Eastern Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean; emphasizes the importance of the Tbilisi Declaration, the document of the very first Eastern Partnership Ministerial Conference on Culture, which calls for a shared commitment to support culture as a driver for growth and stability in the region; encourages the further implementation of the Eastern Partnership Culture Program and further promotion of the dialogue on cultural policies within the Media and Culture for the Development in the Mediterranean programme.

Or. en