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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the teaching of ancient languages in the European Union

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Motion for a resolution on the teaching of ancient languages in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preamble of the Treaty on European Union (paragraphs 1, 6 and 13),
- having regard to Article 6 (c) and (e) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (shared competence),
- having regard to Article 165(1) and (2) TFEU,
- having regard to Article 167 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas ancient civilisations have made an essential contribution to European culture in legal, democratic and philosophical terms;
- B. whereas Latin and Greek continue to permeate the languages currently spoken in the European Union;
- C. whereas a shared culture cements and enhances cooperation between Member States;
- D. whereas stronger cultural precepts are essential in the face of growing commercialisation in this sector;
- 1. Calls for the adoption of a policy to promote the teaching of Latin and Greek in EU secondary schools;
- 2. Calls for greater value to be placed by the European public service on degree coursework containing these subjects;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.



