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OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2007
(SEC(2008)2359 - C6-0415/2008 - 2008/2186(DEC))

Section III – Commission

Rapporteur: Helga Trüpel

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. urges national agencies and national authorities to respect the implementation rules, as regards their respective responsibilities, established by the Commission; welcomes the fact that DG EAC did not see any reason to uphold its reservation as regards the national agencies' control mechanisms, and supports the continuation of strict auditing controls;
2. welcomes the fact that the number of late payments in the area of education and culture is decreasing, and expects the Commission to continue its efforts to further reduce them;
3. requests the Commission to investigate whether there is demand for exceptions, under certain conditions, from the no-profit rule laid down in the Financial Regulation in order to allow beneficiaries to generate higher own resources without the fear that this might lead to a reduction in the support granted to them under EU co-financing;
4. Expresses its hope that the control system established by DG COMM at the end of 2007 will make it unnecessary to enter a reservation regarding its budget management in the future, as was the case for the financial year 2007;
5. requests further information from the Commission concerning the creation of administrative structures in Member States to assist in town-twinning activities, especially as regards the need for such structures, the costs involved and their purpose;
6. requests the Commission to examine ways of making the Youth Programme more capable of reaching new groups of young people, in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds; to this end, suggests that youth organisations, including the European Youth Forum, increase efforts to target such groups, to improve reporting standards and funding criteria and to disseminate information on the programme itself more widely amongst young people.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	17.2.2009
Result of final vote	+: 29 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Maria Badia i Cutchet, Giovanni Berlinguer, Guy Bono, Nicodim Bulzesc, Marie-Hélène Descamps, Věra Flasarová, Milan Gaľa, Claire Gibault, Vasco Graça Moura, Lissy Gröner, Luis Herrero-Tejedor, Ruth Hieronymi, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Adrian Manole, Manolis Mavrommatis, Ljudmila Novak, Doris Pack, Christa Prets, Karin Resetarits, Pál Schmitt, Hannu Takkula, Helga Trüpel
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Gyula Hegyi, Iosif Matula, Christel Schaldemose, Ewa Tomaszewska
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Raül Romeva i Rueda, Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio, Alejo Vidal-Quadras