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5.10.2022

OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

with suggestions on proposals of the European Parliament for the amendment
of the Treaties
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Rapporteur for opinion: Laurence Farreng

(Initiative – Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure)

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, as the committee responsible:

- to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:
 1. Supports the proposals made by the plenary of the Conference on the Future of Europe on 9 May 2022, particularly the following: 6, 9, 13, 15, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 37, 46, 47, 48 and 49, as they call to foster culture, education, youth and solidarity, audiovisual media and sport policies, highlighting their fundamental role in strengthening a European sense of belonging, especially for the youth;
 2. Requests amending Articles 4 and 6 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) to introduce shared competences in the field of education, with its corresponding change in Articles 165 and 166 TFEU, at a minimum in the field of citizenship education, highlighting that the exercise of that competence by the Union shall not result in Member States being prevented from exercising their competence;
 3. Points out, in this regard, that common minimum standards in education should be adopted, without prejudice to national and regional competences, focusing on the following topics: citizenship education including Union values and history of Europe, digital skills, media and information literacy, language learning, environmental education, soft-skills, economic literacy and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) education;
 4. Stresses that many of the proposals endorsed by the Conference aim at strengthening European identity and citizenship and do not necessarily require Treaty changes; calls for a deepening of the existing instruments and objectives in the fields of culture, education, youth, audiovisual media and sport; highlights in this regard the intrinsic value of culture, as well as its fundamental role in strengthening a sense of belonging, active citizenship and common values, and emphasises that closer cooperation on cultural matters and raising awareness of European culture and history is pivotal to achieve an ever-closer European Union;
 5. Considers the recommendations made by Conference participants as crucial for underpinning the democratic legitimacy of the European project, upholding citizens' support for our common goals and values, as well as strengthening our diversity and cultural richness in order to foster a connection with Europe and a more inclusive Union;
 6. Requests that the protection of and respect for artistic freedom, academic freedom, including institutional autonomy, as well as freedom of speech and of the media be clearly enshrined in the Treaties, fostering their legal protection throughout the Union.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	3.10.2022
Result of final vote	+: 19 -: 3 0: 4
Members present for the final vote	Asim Ademov, Andrea Bocskor, Gianantonio Da Re, Laurence Farreng, Tomasz Frankowski, Romeo Franz, Catherine Griset, Sylvie Guillaume, Hannes Heide, Irena Joveva, Petra Kammerevert, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Predrag Fred Matić, Niklas Nienaß, Peter Pollák, Diana Riba i Giner, Monica Semedo, Andrey Slabakov, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Maria Walsh, Milan Zver
Substitutes present for the final vote	Loucas Furlas, Martina Michels, Salima Yenbou

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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PPE	Asim Ademov, Loucas Fourlas, Tomasz Frankowski, Peter Pollák, Michaela Šojdrová, Sabine Verheyen, Maria Walsh, Milan Zver
RENEW	Laurence Farreng, Irena Joveva, Monica Semedo, Salima Yenbou
S&D	Sylvie Guillaume, Hannes Heide, Petra Kammerevert, Predrag Fred Matić, Massimiliano Smeriglio
THE LEFT	Niyazi Kizilyürek, Martina Michels

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ECR	Andrey Slabakov
ID	Catherine Griset
NI	Andrea Bocskor

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ID	Gianantonio Da Re
VERTS/ALE	Romeo Franz, Niklas Nienaß, Diana Riba i Giner

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention