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DRAFT OPINION

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for the Committee on Budgets

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Calls for increased measures for the cultural and creative sectors and industries, including the media sector, to safeguard freedom of artistic expression, spur the recovery from the repercussions of the pandemic and support artists, cultural workers, journalists and non-governmental organisations, given the sector’s role in strengthening democracy, enhancing society’s well-being and fighting disinformation;

2. Calls for further simplification, greater administrative efficiency, the creation of synergies and the avoidance of payment bottlenecks; insists on budget increases to the Erasmus+, Creative Europe, European Solidarity Corps, and Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programmes to avoid insufficient grants;

3. Notes that a mid-term revision of the multiannual financial framework could contribute to a post-pandemic recovery in the cultural and creative sectors and industries, and, in the long term, mitigate the consequences of war in Ukraine and high inflation;

4. Calls for the adaptation of the Creative Europe budget for the cross-sectoral and media strands, particularly given the need to counter disinformation and the envisaged implementation of the European Media Freedom Act; regrets that the budget for the cross-sectoral strand for 2023 was not increased;

5. Calls for the allocation of dedicated long-term funding for the European Education Area to ensure the consistency of its development, governance and implementation, as well as for a separate budget line to implement the New European Bauhaus;

6. Suggests that the legacy of the European Year of Youth in 2022 be linked to that of the European Year of Skills in 2024 and adequate financing identified from relevant programmes for follow-up activities in the subsequent years;

7. Calls for the European Solidarity Corps to focus on issues raised during the European Year of Youth, such as active citizenship, the digital and green transitions, and mental health;

8. Requests an increase in the budget for town twinning and town networks in the CERV programme to boost the number of projects building democratic resilience, mutual understanding and awareness of European values.

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