

**Question for written answer E-004461/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Future headquarters of the EACEA

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), established in 2005 but operational from the following year, manages direct Union funds in the fields of education, the audiovisual sector and culture.

The main objective of the EACEA, as an executive agency, is to fund EU-wide projects for businesses, researchers, non-governmental organisations and foundations, mainly through two programmes, Creative Europe and Erasmus +, both with a budget of several million euros.

As of 1 April 2021, the Commission, by Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/173, has renewed the EACEA's mandate, confirming its headquarters in Brussels up to 31 December 2028, as well as changing its name to the European Education and Culture Executive Agency.

Under Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002, executive agencies must be located in one of the places where the Commission and its departments are located.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission not think it should consider updating Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 in order to make it possible for other European cities to host such agencies?
2. Moreover, given the unique cultural nature of the city of Rome, does it not agree that this could qualify it to host the prestigious headquarters of the EACEA?