

**Question for oral answer O-000017/2011
to the Council**

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on behalf of the Committee on Culture and Education

Subject: The future of the EU 2020 Strategy in the fields of culture, education and youth

The Commission Work Programme 2011 shows a lack of strategic initiatives in the fields of education, culture, youth, the audiovisual sector and sport, despite the fact that the main objectives of the EU 2020 strategy are to strengthen education and lifelong learning, as well as cultural policy. The EU budget 2011 seems to confirm that there is less interest in existing multiannual programmes, which are expected to be reviewed in 2011.

1. What concrete measures does the Council intend to take to guarantee the development of more efficient programmes with an appropriate budgetary framework?
2. Can the Council explain the role that will be given to the 'Europe of Knowledge' principle and, in particular, to the multiannual programmes in the framework of the EU 2020 Strategy?

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