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European Year of Cultural Heritage ***I


(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2016)0543),

— having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 167 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0352/2016),

— having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 12 October 20161,

— having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the responsible committee under Rule 69f(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 15 February 2017 to approve Parliament’s position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture and Education and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A8-0340/2016),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Approves the joint statement by Parliament and the Council annexed to this resolution;

3. Takes note of the Commission statement annexed to this resolution;

4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces,

substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;

5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Decision (EU) 2017/864.)
JOINT STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Article 9 of the Decision, the financial envelope for the implementation of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018) is set at EUR 8 million. In order to fund the preparation of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, EUR 1 million will be financed from existing resources in the 2017 budget. For the 2018 budget, EUR 7 million will be reserved for the European Year of Cultural Heritage and be made visible in a budget line. Of that amount, EUR 3 million will come from the resources currently provided for in the Creative Europe Programme and EUR 4 million will be reprioritised from other existing resources, without using the existing margins and without prejudice to the powers of the budgetary authority.

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission takes note of the agreement of the co-legislators to introduce a financial envelope of EUR 8 million in Article 9 of the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018). The Commission recalls that it is the prerogative of the budgetary authority to authorise the amount of appropriations in the annual budget, in accordance with Article 314 TFEU.