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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgets

on guidelines for the 2022 Budget – Section III
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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. Is deeply concerned that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the education gap has increased and, with it, the inequalities in our education systems; urges the Commission to enhance the coordination of approaches aimed at helping to prevent disadvantaged children and students from vulnerable and marginalised backgrounds from falling further behind;
2. Is equally alarmed about the impact on the cultural and creative sectors; urges the Commission to take all necessary measures to support the beneficiaries of Union programmes in these fields;
3. Urges the Member States to dedicate at least 2 % of the overall budget of national recovery and resilience plans to the cultural and creative sectors, and 10 % to investments in quality and inclusive education;
4. Is pleased that Parliament secured substantial increases to the envelopes of the Erasmus+, Creative Europe and Rights and Values programmes from 2022 to 2027, to be derived from fines;
5. Urges the Commission to implement the inclusion provisions of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) by establishing an inclusion framework within six months of their entry into force and by helping national agencies to design action plans; emphasises that this will require specific financial support measures;
6. Expects to see a substantial increase in ESC funding for volunteering; emphasises the importance of capping in-country activities at 20 % and strengthening capacity-building in the humanitarian strand;
7. Recalls that the European Green Deal needs to be reflected and budgeted for in all EU actions, including in education and culture; underlines that boosting citizens', in particular young people's, knowledge and empowerment will help protect ecosystems and biodiversity, and accelerate the transition to a climate-neutral Europe by 2050.