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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013
– Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of Council's reasons
– Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 2518/21

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 2518/21 of 6 April 2021 was completed on 13 April 2021 and that all delegations voted in favour of the adoption of the Council's position at first reading on the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Erasmus+: the Union Programme for education and training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 as set out in document 14148/20, and the statement of the Council's reasons as set out in the ADD 1 to that document.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above position of the Council at first reading and the statement of the Council's reasons are adopted.

The statement by the Commission on the specific allocations for the platforms of Centres of vocational excellence as set out in 7327/21 ADD 1 will be published in the *Official Journal* ¹.

The statements by Hungary, Poland and the Commission are reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

¹ *C series.*

Statement by Hungary

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Hungary ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Hungarian national legal system in accordance with internationally binding human rights instruments and within the framework of fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, Hungary interprets the concept of "gender" in the text of the Regulation as a reference to sex.

Statement by Poland

Równość kobiet i mężczyzn została zapisana w traktatach Unii Europejskiej jako podstawowe prawo. Polska zapewnia równość kobiet i mężczyzn w ramach polskiego krajowego systemu prawnego zgodnie z międzynarodowymi traktatami praw człowieka oraz w ramach podstawowych wartości i zasad Unii Europejskiej. Z tych powodów w wyrażeniach zawierających termin płeć (gender), Polska będzie interpretowała ją w świetle równości kobiet i mężczyzn zgodnie z art. 8 TFUE.

Statement by the European Commission on the specific allocations for the platforms of Centres of vocational excellence

Without prejudice to the powers of the legislative and budgetary authority, the Commission commits to allocating an indicative amount of EUR 400 million in current prices to support platforms of Centres for vocational excellence over the whole duration of the programme, provided that the interim evaluation of the programme confirms a positive assessment of the results of the action.
