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EDUC 489
JEUN 250
CULT 147
AUDIO 132
SPORT 56
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DRAFT MINUTES
COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Education, Youth, Culture and Sport)
27 and 28 November 2025

MEETING ON THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 15626/25 + COR 1.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

15700/1/25 REV 1


The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

Statements to these items are set out in the addendum.

Non-legislative activities

YOUTH

3. Strengthening resilience among young people through Erasmus+ 2028-2034¹

 14931/25

Exchange of views



The Council held an exchange of views on the basis of a steering note as set out in the document above.

EDUCATION

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

4. Regulation on Erasmus+

  14944/1/25 REV 1

Progress report

The Council took note of the Presidency's progress report as set out in the document above.

¹ In the presence of a representative of the Danish Youth Council (DUF).

Non-legislative activities

5. **Resolution on the second cycle of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area (2026-2030)** [2] 15586/25

State of play

The Council took note of the state of play.

Hungary presented a statement, as set out in the Annex to these minutes.

6. **The role of vocational education and training in competitiveness and resilience** [2] 14932/25

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the basis of a steering note as set out in the document above.

Any other business

7. Youth

- a) **Outcomes of the discussion at the informal EU Youth Dialogue breakfast meeting²** [2]
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Cyprus

Education

- c) **2025 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement** [2] 15463/25 + COR 1
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

² In the presence of a representative of the Danish Youth Council (DUF) and a representative of the European Youth Forum.

- d) **Priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the European Schools - 2025/2026 School Year** 15863/25
Information from Latvia

The Council took note of the information provided by Latvia.

- e) **Ensuring the sustainability of European universities alliances** 15919/25
Information from France, supported by Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by France, supported by Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

- f) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Cyprus

MEETING ON FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025

CULTURE, AUDIOVISUAL AND MEDIA

Non-legislative activities

8. **Conclusions on the strategic role of culture, cultural heritage and audiovisual works in upholding European values and democratic resilience** 14747/25
+ 14747/1/25 REV1
(da, de, el, fr, pl, ro, sv)
Approval

The Council approved the conclusions as set out in the document above and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

9. **Conclusions on access to reliable news as part of the European Democracy Shield** 15234/25
Approval

The Council did not approve the draft conclusions. Instead, the Presidency decided to issue the text as Presidency conclusions supported by 26 Member States.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

10. **AgoraEU Programme** 15187/25
Progress report

The Council took note of the progress report as set out in the document above.

SPORT

Non-legislative activities

11. **Resolution reviewing the EU Member States' representation and coordination for WADA** 14936/25 +
14936/1/25 REV 1
(es, hr, pl)
Approval

The Council approved the resolution as set out in the document above.

12. **Democracy and transparency in sport** 14930/25
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the basis of a steering note as set out in the document above.

Any other business

13. Culture, Audiovisual and Media

- a) **A Culture Compass for Europe** 15410/25 + ADD 2
Presentation from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- b) **The European Democracy Shield** 15387/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- c) **2025 Annual progress report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement (Youth, Culture and Sport)** 15460/25
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- d) **Informal Meeting of Culture and Media Ministers (Copenhagen, 3-4 November 2025)** 15713/25
Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- e) **European Capital of Culture 2026: Trenčín** 14991/25
Information from Slovakia

The Council took note of the information provided by Slovakia.

- f) **The European Capital of Culture Oulu 2026: Young creativity, northern lifestyle, cross-sectoral innovations and beautiful nature** 15183/25
Information from Finland

The Council took note of the information provided by Finland.

- g) **European Capital of Culture 2030: Leuven** 15184/25
Information from Belgium

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium.

- h) **Mediterranean Capitals of Culture and Dialogue 2026: Tetuan (Morocco) and Matera (Italy), drivers of dialogue and innovation** 15343/25
Information from Italy

The Council took note of the information provided by Italy.

- i) **Polish Capitals of Culture 2026–2028** 15482/25
Information from Poland

The Council took note of the information provided by Poland.

- j) **Freedom of artistic expression** 15360/25
Information from Luxembourg

The Council took note of the information provided by Luxembourg.

- k) **Europeanisation of ARTE** 15670/25
Information from France and Germany

The Council took note of the information provided by France and Germany.

- l) **Results of Mondiacult meeting in Spain** 15181/25
(Barcelona, 29 September – 1 October 2025)
Information from Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by Spain.

- m) **Protection of cultural heritage in Gaza** 15182/25
Information from Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by Spain.

- n) **Safety of Journalists as a Prerequisite for Media Freedom** 14989/25
Information from Slovenia

The Council took note of the information provided by Slovenia.

- o) **Cultural freedom in Europe** 15185/25
Information from Germany

The Council took note of the information provided by Germany.

- p) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Cyprus

Sport

- q) **The Olympic Truce as an instrument to advance peace and reconciliation among peoples. Milano - Cortina 2026 XXV Winter Olympic Games and XIV Winter Paralympic Games**
Information from Italy

15607/25

The Council took note of the information provided by Italy.

- r) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from Cyprus

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- Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
- First reading
- Item based on a Commission proposal
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Statements to the non-legislative "B" items set out in doc. 15626/25+ COR1

Ad "B" item 5: **Resolution on the second cycle of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area (2026-2030)**
State of play

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

“Hungary considers that learning mobility – especially for those with fewer opportunities – is of key importance to the internationalisation of higher education systems in Europe and is a fundamental educational right. Therefore, Hungary agrees with the objective of this Draft Resolution to increase in higher education the share of graduates with a learning mobility experience abroad. However, the Erasmus+ programme plays a key role in achieving the objectives of the Draft Resolution. Hungary considers that the impact of the *Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 of December 15, 2022 on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law by Hungary* makes the participation in the Erasmus+ programme impossible for 217 402 students, 19 256 teachers, as well as foreign students studying in Hungary. This sanction is an immense obstacle to mobility, therefore we plea that the first point of this document should recognise the fundamental right of all students in Hungary to be able to participate in the Erasmus programme. All other goals can only be defined after this, because this decision causes irreversible damage not only to the Hungarian people left out of the programme, but also to the entire European community. At the same time, Hungary remains committed to the internationalisation of higher education. For this purpose, the Pannonia Programme was launched to ensure that all Hungarian students have the opportunity for learning mobility.

Furthermore, Hungary, in line with its Fundamental Law and national legislation, the Treaties of the European Union and other commitments and principles stemming from international law, interprets the concept of 'gender' as reference to men and women. Furthermore, Hungary interprets the term 'diversity' in accordance with the Treaties of the European Union and the provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the Draft Resolution.”