

Creative Europe programme 2014-2020: European Union Youth Orchestra

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PURPOSE: to create a legally sound and transparent solution to ensure sustainable support for the European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO).

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: **EUYO is a unique orchestra in Europe**, founded following a 1976 European Parliament [resolution](#). Its Honorary President is the President of the European Parliament and its honorary patrons are the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, headed by the President of the European Commission.

Composed of very talented young musicians from all over Europe in a world-class European orchestra, it plays a unique role in **promoting intercultural dialogue** and mutual respect and understanding through culture. It also contributes to the circulation of European works and the mobility of young European talent beyond national and European borders.

The [Creative Europe](#) programme and its previous funding programs have supported the EUYO in various ways. Without sustained EU-wide support, it could not continue its activities and the Union would lose an important cultural ambassador. The EUYO should therefore be included among the measures benefitting from support from the Culture Sub-programme of the Creative Europe programme.

CONTENT: in order to make sustainable provision for the EUYO's continued activity, the Commission proposes that it be **recognised as a 'body identified by a basic act'** within the meaning of Article 190(1) (d) of [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) No 1268/2012](#) and that Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1295/20134 establishing the Creative Europe programme (2014 to 2020) to be amended accordingly (**adding a reference to EUYO**) to support the European sectors of culture and creation.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the existing financial envelope of the Creative Europe programme shall be used to finance EUYO, which will not require any additional budgetary resources from the Union.