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Date: 11 December 2015

Subject: EU Commission's Work Programme

Kathy,

At its meeting on 9 December 2015, the Committee agreed its response in respect of its scrutiny of the EU Commission's Work Programme in 2015 and its plans in that regard for 2016.

The response is enclosed.

Peter McCallion Committee Clerk Enc.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2016 – COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Committee: Committee for Education

Background

The Committee for Education considered correspondence from the Committee for OFMDFM regarding the European Commission Work Programme on 2 December 2015. Members noted that the relevant Assembly Research paper indicated that the Commission Work Programme included no activities which were relevant to the Committee for Education.

The Committee therefore agreed that as with 2015-16, it would not be undertaking any activities relating to the Commission Work Programme in 2016-17.

The Committee's other EU-related work carried out in 2015-16 is summarised below.

Agreed Priorities from the 2016 European Commission Work Programme

None

Other EU activity planned for 2016

None yet planned

Other comments

None

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY ON 2015 EUROPEAN PRIORITIES

The European Commission Work Programme 2015 contained no activities which were relevant to the Committee for Education.

Other EU activity undertaken in 2015

The Committee wrote to the Department of Education on 30 April 2015 regarding the decision to cease funding for the European Studies Programme.

The Committee considered an Assembly Research paper on the implementation of the European Cooperation in Education and Training (ET 2020) Strategy at its meeting on 11 November 2015.

Other comments

None