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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission recognises the important role played by music umbrella organisations in promoting cultural participation, supporting musical education and lifelong learning, nurturing young talent and strengthening social cohesion and cultural diversity across Europe.

The Parliament and the Council are currently examining the Commission's proposal for the Erasmus+ programme 2028-2034¹. While the future Erasmus+ programme will be accessible to organisations active in the fields of education, training, youth and sport, the criteria for organisations to be considered as eligible will be specified later at the programme implementation stage. The music umbrella organisations will be able to participate in programme calls as long as they meet these eligibility criteria.

Pursuant to the EU Treaty, Member States are responsible for the organisation of their education systems, including setting rules on the recognition and definition of educational institutions, and whether or not music umbrella organisations qualify as such, provided that there is no breach of EU law².

The Parliament and the Council are currently also examining the Commission's proposal for the AgoraEU programme 2028-2034³. This proposal builds in particular on the successes of the current Creative Europe programme⁴. The future culture strand of AgoraEU programme will continue to support the music sector and music organisations.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0549>.

² In line with Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the EU is obliged to fully respect 'the responsibility of the Member States for the content of teaching and the organisation of education systems'. The role of the EU in this particular field is limited to contributing to 'the development of quality education by encouraging cooperation between Member States and, if necessary, by supporting and supplementing their action'. Finally, it is important to note that Article 165(4) TFEU explicitly excludes any harmonisation of laws and regulations of the Member States in the field of education.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0550>.

⁴ <https://culture.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe>.