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Subject: Implementing Sustainable Production and Consumption in Europe

Dear Ms Lorek,

Thank you very much for your letter, calling the attention of M. N. van der Pas to the elements of policy contributing to the implementation of a sustainable Production and Consumption in Europe. My General Director asked me to answer you on his behalf.

The Directorate General for Education and Culture fully agrees with the recommendations of the Ostende meeting, which you mentioned, concluding that Education and learning are essential elements underpinning sustainable development. In the field of Education, training, Youth and Culture, the action of European Commission promotes the values of citizenship and has ensured the sustainability of several European transnational cooperation programmes, most of which, have been operating for more than 15 years now (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Youth). While they have evolved in their design and adapted their objectives, they will be providing more and more European cooperation for the next 8 years in many of the domains mentioned in your letter. You suggest that sustainable consumption and production can only be ensured in Europe by cooperation between many different policy domains and instruments. I fully agree with that assumption, and M. N. van der Pas and Directorate General for Education and Culture are interested in being informed about any initiatives the ANPED takes in that area.

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