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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the support of talents in the European Union

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## Written declaration on the support of talents in the European Union

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the emphasis of the Europe 2020 strategy on talents,
  - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. noting that talent and creativity are the basis of innovation and competitiveness,
  - B. noting that each European citizen may possess a hidden form of talent and there is no age limit in discovering talents,
  - C. noting that talent support enhances self-esteem, employability, social mobility and cohesion, and is an important ingredient in any programs for the underprivileged groups,
  - D. deeply concerned that Europe has an increasing shortage of discovered talents,
  - E. noting the Budapest Declaration on Talent Support of 24 European countries in April 2011,
1. Calls on the Member States to consider measures helping curricular and extracurricular forms of talent support including the training of educational professionals to recognize and help talent;
  2. Calls on the Commission to consider talent support as a priority of future European strategies, such as the European Research Area and the European Social Fund;
  3. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to support the development of a Europe-wide talent support network, formed by talent support communities, Talent Points and European Talent Centres facilitating cooperation, development and dissemination of best talent support practices;
  4. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to celebrate the European Day of the Talented and Gifted;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.

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