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Children, Young People and Education Committee

Lord Kinnoull, Chair of the European Affairs Committee, House of Lords

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Call for evidence

Dear Lord Kinnoull,

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Thank you for your letter dated 23 August inviting the Committee to provide evidence to the inquiry into the future UK-EU relationship.

Whilst as a Committee we have not undertaken much work that directly relates to this inquiry, we would like to draw your Committee's attention to the work of our predecessor Committee which is relevant. In particular, the 2018 report on the impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education. The report is available here, and the Welsh Government response is available here.

We would also draw your attention to the Welsh Government's Taith programme, which replaces the Erasmus+ programme. The Welsh Government is providing £65million of funding for the programme, which will run 2022-2026. The programme aims to fund 15,000 people from Wales to go on exchanges, with 10,000 people coming to Wales.

In considering the Welsh Government's draft budget for 2022/23 we asked them to keep us updated on the implementation of this programme. We received an update on the first six months of the programme recently, which can be found here. The Minister for Education and Welsh Language subsequently provided an oral update to the Senedd on the scheme, highlighting that projects have partnered with 28 countries in Europe. You can see the full details here. You may wish to consider how this programme is operating in contrast with the Turing Scheme in England.

We hope you find this information useful. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to feed into your inquiry.



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Yours sincerely,

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

