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Request for final update on the Committee's Culture Shock report

During our recent evidence sessions on Wales-Ireland relations, several witnesses raised the continuing adverse effects of post-Brexit arrangements on the culture sector, including for touring artists and on UK participation in EU programmes. The transcripts are available [here](#).

In evidence we received, witnesses once again outlined continuing issues experienced by touring artists and disappointment that UK participation in relevant EU programmes remains out of reach. This marked the Committee's fourth consecutive international relations inquiry where these matters have been raised.

Our recommendation for the Welsh Government, to continue raising these matters with the UK Government, was accepted in response to our cross-committee report on the UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

As the Sixth Senedd draws to a close, the Committee would be grateful to receive a final update relating to your efforts in this area of work. Please could you provide an update on:

1. How the Welsh Government has raised ongoing issues affecting touring artists and cross-border creative work with the UK Government, and how the UK Government has responded. We would be grateful if you could also confirm how this was raised by the Welsh Government, for example, at the latest Culture and Creative Industries Inter-Ministerial Group and/or at the Interministerial Group on UK-EU relations;
2. The status of UK-EU discussions on this matter, including confirmation that it is being discussed;

3. Discussions with the EU on UK participation in EU programmes', including an update on whether the UK Government's agrees with the Welsh Government, that participation in Creative Europe should be pursued.
4. Whether the Welsh Government now considers AgoraEU as a priority programme for UK participation, given its subsumption of Creative Europe since our last exchange.

We would be grateful to receive a response by 26 February 2026.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.