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Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship

Reply to Recommendation¹: Recommendation 2088 (2016)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has taken due note of Parliamentary Assembly [Recommendation 2088 \(2016\)](#) "Towards a framework of competences for democratic citizenship" and has forwarded it to the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE) for information and comments.
2. The Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture was endorsed at the Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education, held in Brussels in April 2016. The Final Declaration of the Ministers of Education, which the Committee of Ministers has drawn to the attention of the Assembly, sets out the guidelines for the next stages in implementation of the Reference Framework. The Committee of Ministers has asked the CDPPE to take this declaration into account in its future work.
3. The project is now in the testing phase of the descriptors of Competences for Democratic Culture, which began in June and will run until December 2016. The aim is to ascertain the suitability and functionality of descriptors in actual learning contexts and to relate them to appropriate age groups. Preparations for the development of tools to assist education practitioners and curriculum designers to implement the model of Competences for Democratic Culture are under way. These tools concern curriculum development, teacher training, pedagogy, assessment, radicalisation and extremism leading to violence, and the whole school approach to teaching. The Assembly's recommendations are of particular relevance in this context.
4. The Committee of Ministers welcomes the Assembly's strong interest in this initiative and counts on its support in encouraging education authorities in all States Parties to the European Cultural Convention to take part in this important phase of the project in order to ensure that the results are representative of as many education systems as possible.

1. Adopted at the 1266th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (28 September 2016).

