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**NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ENI COMMITTEE**

**Subject: Call for Expression of Interest for the EU-funded project on improved exchange (regional, intra-regional and/or with the EU) through education and culture as means of conflict transformation, Ref.: ENI/2019/041-750 and ENI/2020/041-969**

DG NEAR's first regional conflict transformation programme, EU4Dialogue, has the overall objective to contribute to the transformation of the unresolved conflicts in the EaP region, excluding the conflict in Ukraine. The three components will focus on i) establishing an environment that can help defuse tension and foster better understanding across the conflict divides; ii) improving targeted sectors, including human security, for communities; and iii) improving exchanges across the divide through education and culture. The programme has been adopted as part of the 2019 regional action programme and we are now preparing its implementation.

For the third component, we would very much welcome it to be led by Member States organisations working on education and culture in external relations. Indeed, this would bring the EU expertise in the region, and would strengthen the EU's visibility. For this reason, we would be grateful if you could share this information in your Member State, particularly with your public and semi-public entities (including Agencies) active in those fields, and invite them to confirm their potential interest to manage this component of the programme.

The project description and the guidelines for this Call for Expression of Interest are attached to the present note. DG NEAR C1 would be grateful if these can be circulated among the relevant authorities and possible partners in your Member States.

The entities who have expressed their interest will be contacted and their proposal will be evaluated by our services, with the view to form the best possible consortium to implement this project, taking into account their experience, their ideas and the need to ensure impact and value for money.

The interested parties can directly submit their Expressions of Interest to DG NEAR C1 no later than 25/05/2020 (15:00 Brussels time) which shall be sent to the following email address: NEAR-C1@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes: Description of the project and the Guidelines for the EOI

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