



Brussels, February 2, 2026,

Dear Commissioner Glenn Micallef,

The Mercator projection—created in 1569 for navigational use—has shaped our worldview by overstating the size of Europe and North America while drastically reducing the scale of Africa and South America. This distortion is not merely technical; it has a profound symbolic impact on the geopolitical and educational perceptions of entire generations.

We are reaching out to you because your portfolio for **Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture, and Sport** positions you as the ideal interlocutor to reverse this trend. Your leadership in projects such as Erasmus+, cultural promotion, and the education of new generations makes you the perfect ally to champion equitable maps that reflect global reality. This initiative aligns seamlessly with EU competences in school cooperation and cultural dissemination.

Adopting projections such as **Equal Earth** in official and educational materials would position the EU as a 21st-century pioneer, fostering critical thinking, global awareness, and values of equality among European youth.

We would like to submit the following concrete proposals:

- **Develop best-practice guidelines** for using equitable cartographic projections in institutional communications and European educational projects.
- **Commit the Commission** to applying these projections in publications and websites, setting a standard for all EU institutions.
- **Issue non-binding recommendations** to Member States regarding educational materials, while respecting their national competences.

We greatly value your leadership and request a meeting with you or your team. A representation of the signatory groups would welcome the opportunity to discuss the content and proposals of this letter in person. Could you please indicate a date and time that would be convenient for you?

With great admiration for your work and looking forward to your response,

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