



DIRECTORATE GENERAL INTERNAL POLICIES OF THE UNION
COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

NOTE on public hearing on Audiovisual Media Services Directive

A public hearing on *Audiovisual Media Services Directive* will take place next 1-2 June 2006 in the European Parliament hemicycle in Brussels. This event is jointly organised by the parliamentary committees on industry, research and energy (ITRE), on internal market and consumer protection (IMCO), on economic and monetary affairs (ECON), on civil liberties, justice and home affairs (LIBE), on women's rights gender equality (FEMM) and on culture and education (CULT).

This note is addressed also on behalf of: Mr. CHICHESTER (Chair of ITRE), Mrs Mc CARTHY (Chair of IMCO), Mrs BERES (Chair of ECON), Mr. CAVADA (Chair of LIBE), Mrs ZÁBORSKÁ (Chair of FEMM).

The organisation and the programme of this hearing have been coordinated by an *ad hoc* Working Group composed by the Rapporteurs responsible for the revision of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive in the above mentioned committees, which respectively are Mr. DE MICHELIS (ITRE), Mrs RÜHLE (IMCO), Mr. HOPPENSTEDT (ECON), Mr. CAVADA (LIBE), Mrs GRÖNER (FEMM) and Mrs HIERONYMI (CULT).

Speakers from different organisations operating in the audiovisual field have been invited to intervene in the debate on three different dimensions: the Directive scope, its economic aspects and its non economic aspects.

Beside this, to enrich the debate and help all Rapporteurs to feed their preparatory work on the revision of the Directive, other organisations are being invited to send their positions on this matter and send a written contribution, preferably in electronic format. If sent by the 19th of May, it will possibly be distributed on the hearing days. Organisations wishing to bring copies of their own position papers, are invited to communicate them in advance to the secretariat by email.

The contributions should be sent to the hearing secretariat (e-mail: ip-tvsf@europarl.europa.eu).

Your written contribution will NOT involve a speaking opportunity during the hearing itself.

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Culture and education Committee Chair

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