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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

for the Committee on Culture and Education

on the White paper on a european communication policy  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs calls on the Committee on Culture and Education, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Calls on the Commission to ensure consultation with stakeholders and the public at an early stage of policy shaping; considers that key proposals could be accompanied with the additional section in the impact assessment specifying how citizens' concerns have been taken into account when drafting the proposal; points out that the impact of public consultations on the EU's decision-making process should be clarified,
2. Encourages the Commission to launch a debate between the EU institutions and other European actors to examine the possibility of publishing positions or amendments on a public database before their final adoption; considers that the Prelex database on monitoring the decision-making process between institutions could be used to this end,
3. Considers that easily understandable background information should be published on agendas of the Council, the Commission and the Committees of the European Parliament; points out that this information should be easily accessible to the public,
4. Considers that the debate should take into account specific needs and activities of national and local audiences; points out that more attention should be paid to channelling relevant and regionalised information to defined target audiences, thereby connecting European issues with citizens' daily lives,
5. Urges the Member States to transpose Community legislation appropriately and promptly in order to ensure that all EU citizens enjoy the same level of rights as conferred by Community legislation; calls on the Commission to ensure more actively that provisions of Community legislation are applied; encourages the Commission to work in partnership with Member States' governments to inform citizens of their right of access to justice and redress should their rights be infringed.