

PUBLIC HEARING

European Citizens' Initiative: "Minority Safepack"

Organised by
the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
and the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT)

Associated committee:
Committee on Petitions (PETI)

15 October 2020, 9:00 - 13:00
European Parliament, Brussels, JAN 4Q2
(Remote participation)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.15 **Welcome and opening**
Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR, LIBE Chair
Sabine VERHEYEN, CULT Chair
Dolors MONTSERRAT, PETI Chair

9.15 - 9.20 **Opening statement**
European Commission

9.20 - 9.30 **Presentation of the ECI**
Representative of the Citizens' Committee

9.30 - 11.00 **Round 1 – EQUALITY AND SUPPORT TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES**
Chaired by LIBE Chair

9.30 - 9.45 Presentation of ECI objectives by a representative of the Citizens' Committee:

- *Adapting the general rules applicable to Structural Funds so that account is taken of the protection of minorities and the promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity;*
- *Improving research on the added value that national minorities and cultural and linguistic diversity may bring to social and economic development in regions of the EU;*
- *Guaranteeing approximately equal treatment for stateless persons and citizens of the Union;*
- *Exempting projects promoting national minorities and their culture from the procedure provided for in Article 108(2).*

9.45 - 9.50 Statement by a representative of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

9.50 - 10.45 Question time with Members (incl. statements by the participating committees: REGI, ITRE, JURI and ECON)

10.45 - 10.50 Reaction by the European Commission

10.50 - 10.55 Reaction by the FRA

10.55 - 11.00 Reaction by ECI organiser

11:00 - 11:30 Break

11.30 - 12.35 Round 2 – LANGUAGE, EDUCATION, CULTURE AND AUDIOVISUAL
Chaired by CULT Chair

11.30 - 11.45 Presentation of ECI objectives by XXX, representative of the Citizens' Committee:

- *EU Recommendation 'on the protection and promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity in the Union';*
- *Adapt funding programmes so that they become accessible for small regional and minority language communities;*
- *Create a centre for linguistic diversity;*
- *introduce a unitary copyright so that the whole EU can be considered an internal market in the field;*
- *Amend the AVMS Directive for ensuring the freedom to provide services and the reception of audiovisual content in regions where national minorities reside.*

11.45 - 11.50 Statement by a representative of the Council of Europe

11.50 - 12.20 Question time with Members (incl. statements by the participating committees: REGI, ITRE, JURI and ECON)

12.20 - 12.25 Reaction by the European Commission

12.25 - 12.30 Reaction by the Council of Europe

12.30 - 12.35 Reaction by ECI organiser

12.35 - 13.00 Closing session
Chaired by PETI Chair

12.35 - 12.40 Remarks by the Committee of the Regions

12.40 - 12.45 Remarks by the European Economic and Social Committee

12.45 - 12.50 Concluding remarks by the European Commission

12.50 - 12.55 Concluding remarks by a representative of the Citizens' Committee

12.55 - 13.00 Closing remarks by the LIBE and CULT Chairs