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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years
2020 to 2033

Proposal for a decision
(COM(2016)0400 – C8-0223/2016 – 2016/0186(COD))

Amendment 8
Damian Drăghici

Draft legislative resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Draft legislative resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 81 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA),*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Damian Drăghici

Proposal for a decision
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ aims to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share while increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area. That Decision also aims to foster the contribution of culture to the *long-term* development of cities in accordance with their respective strategies and priorities.

(1) Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council aims to safeguard and promote the *richness and* diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share while increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area *and encouraging mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue*. That Decision also aims to foster the contribution of culture to the *smart, sustainable and inclusive* development of cities *and their surrounding areas* in accordance with their respective *long-term* strategies and priorities.

⁵ *Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC (OJ*

Amendment 10

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ aims to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe **and** to highlight the common features they share while increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area. That Decision also aims to foster the contribution of culture to the long-term development of cities in accordance with their respective strategies and priorities.

⁵ Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC (OJ L 132, 3.5. 2014, p. 1).

Amendment

(1) Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ aims to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe, to highlight the common features they share while increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common cultural area **and at the same time to bring the common cultural heritage to the fore as provided for in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)**. That Decision also aims to foster the contribution of culture to the long-term development of cities in accordance with their respective strategies and priorities.

⁵ Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC (OJ L 132, 3.5. 2014, p. 1).

Amendment 11

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ aims to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share while increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common ***cultural area***. That Decision also aims to foster the contribution of culture to the ***long-term*** development of cities in accordance with their respective strategies and priorities.

⁵ Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC (OJ L 132, 3.5. 2014, p. 1).

Amendment

(1) Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵ aims to safeguard and promote the diversity of cultures in Europe and to highlight the common features they share while increasing citizens' sense of belonging to a common ***civilisation***. That Decision also aims to foster the contribution of culture to the ***sustainable environmental, economic and social*** development of cities in accordance with their respective strategies and priorities.

⁵ Decision No 445/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033 and repealing Decision No 1622/2006/EC (OJ L 132, 3.5. 2014, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1 a) The European Capitals of Culture action highlights the richness and diversity of European cultures and the features those cultures share while promoting better mutual understanding and a sense of belonging among European citizens. The action has a positive impact in cultural terms, while boosting tourism and fostering the development of cities across Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 13
Jonás Fernández, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a decision
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Promoting culture is a priority for the European Union, since it is fundamental for human development, stronger political integration and growth in aggregate income.

Or. es

Amendment 14
Jonás Fernández, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a decision
Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) European Capitals of Culture make a crucial contribution to promoting EU values.

Or. es

Amendment 15
Jonás Fernández, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a decision
Recital 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1c) A Network of European Capitals of Culture should be set up, comprising cities that have held the title at least once, in order to enhance the experience gained

from the cultural capital scheme.

Or. es

Amendment 16

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Article 3 of Decision No 445/2014/EU provides that only cities from a Member State, from a candidate country or a potential candidate, or from a country that accedes to the Union in the circumstances set out in Article 3(5) of that Decision have access to the Union action 'European Capitals of Culture'.

Amendment

(2) Article 3 of Decision No 445/2014/EU provides that only cities from a Member State, from a candidate country or a potential candidate, or from a country that accedes to the Union in the circumstances set out in Article 3(5) of that Decision have access to the Union action 'European Capitals of Culture'. ***Novi Sad (Serbia) along with Timișoara (Romania) and Elefsina (Greece) will be European Capitals of Culture for the year 2021.***

Or. en

Amendment 17

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Article 3 of Decision No 445/2014/EU provides that only cities from a Member State, ***from a candidate country or a potential candidate, or from a country that accedes to*** the Union in the circumstances set out in Article 3(5) of that Decision have access to the Union action 'European Capitals of Culture'.

Amendment

(2) Article 3 of Decision No 445/2014/EU provides that only cities from a Member State ***of*** the Union in the circumstances set out in Article 3(5) of that Decision have access to the Union action 'European Capitals of Culture'.

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Damian Drăghici

Proposal for a decision
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Union action should also be open, subject to some conditions, to cities from European Free Trade Association countries which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('EFTA/EEA countries') with the view to reinforcing the cultural links between those countries and the European Union in line with Article 81 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Amendment

(3) The Union action should also be open, subject to some conditions, to cities from European Free Trade Association countries which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('EFTA/EEA countries') with the view to reinforcing the cultural links between those countries and the European Union in line with Article **167(3) TFEU and Article** 81 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Union action should also be open, subject to some conditions, to cities from European Free Trade Association countries which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('EFTA/EEA countries') with the view to reinforcing the cultural links between those countries and the European Union in line with Article 81 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Amendment

(3) The Union action should also be open, subject to some conditions, to cities from European Free Trade Association countries which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('EFTA/EEA countries'), **Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway** with the view to reinforcing the cultural links between those countries and the European Union in line with Article 81 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) However, during the period covered by *that Decision*, namely from 2020 to 2033, for reasons of equity with cities in the *Member States*, cities in EFTA/EEA countries, should only be allowed to participate in one competition for the title. Likewise, each EFTA/EEA country should only be allowed to host the title once during that period.

Amendment

(4) However, during the period covered by *Decision No 445/2014/EU*, namely from 2020 to 2033, for reasons of equity with cities *participating* in the *action*, cities in EFTA/EEA countries, should only be allowed to participate in one competition for the title. Likewise, each EFTA/EEA country should only be allowed to host the title once during that period *as is already the case for candidate countries or potential candidates in accordance with Decision No 445/2014/EU*.

Or. en

Amendment 21

María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Proposal for a decision

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) A candidate country, potential candidate or EFTA/EEA country should host the European Capital of Culture in 2028 instead of 2027 so as to make it possible for those countries to negotiate their participation in the Union programme supporting culture that will follow Creative Europe for the period 2021 to 2027 before the relevant call for submission of applications at the latest six years before the year of the title.

Amendment

(5) A candidate country, potential candidate or EFTA/EEA country should host the European Capital of Culture in 2028 instead of 2027 so as to make it possible for those countries to negotiate their participation in the Union programme supporting culture that will follow Creative Europe *as well as Europe for Citizens* for the period 2021 to 2027 before the relevant call for submission of applications at the latest six years before the year of the title.

Amendment 22
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) *A candidate country, potential candidate or* EFTA/EEA country should host the European Capital of Culture in 2028 instead of 2027 so as to make it possible for those countries to negotiate their participation in the Union programme supporting culture that will follow Creative Europe for the period 2021 to 2027 before the relevant call for submission of applications at the latest six years before the year of the title.

Amendment

(5) *An* EFTA/EEA country should host the European Capital of Culture in 2028 instead of 2027 so as to make it possible for those countries to negotiate their participation in the Union programme supporting culture that will follow Creative Europe for the period 2021 to 2027 before the relevant call for submission of applications at the latest six years before the year of the title.

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5 a) *The expert panel, established to carry out the selection and monitoring procedures, should require each candidate city to publish a comprehensive breakdown of the costs associated with their bid in order to ensure transparency and accountability.*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Liadh Ní Riada

Proposal for a decision Recital 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5 b) Should a candidate city rent property for the purposes of the bid, it should be required to publish the names of the property's owner or owners in order to ensure transparency and accountability.

Or. en

Amendment 25 Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point a Decision No 445/2014/EU Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The title shall be awarded each year to a maximum of one city in each of the two Member States appearing in the calendar set out in the Annex ('the calendar') and, in the relevant years, to one city from an EFTA/EEA country *or* a candidate country *or* a potential candidate, or to one city from a country that accedes to the Union in the circumstances set out in paragraph 5.;

The title shall be awarded each year to a maximum of one city in each of the two Member States appearing in the calendar set out in the Annex ('the calendar') and, in the relevant years, to one city from an EFTA/EEA country, a candidate country, a potential candidate or to one city from a country that accedes to the Union in the circumstances set out in paragraph 5.;

Or. en

Amendment 26 Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point a Decision 445/2014/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The title shall be awarded each year to a maximum of one city in each of the two Member States appearing in the calendar set out in the Annex ('the calendar') and, in the relevant years, to one city from an EFTA/EEA country or ***a candidate country or a potential candidate***, or to one city from a country that accedes to the Union in the circumstances set out in paragraph 5.;

Amendment

The title shall be awarded each year to a maximum of one city in each of the two Member States appearing in the calendar set out in the Annex ('the calendar') and, in the relevant years, to one city from an EFTA/EEA country or to one city from a country that accedes to the Union in the circumstances set out in paragraph 5.;

Or. fr

Amendment 27

María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries and in candidate countries and potential candidates which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Amendment

4. Cities in EFTA/EEA countries and in candidate countries and potential candidates which participate in the Creative Europe ***Programme as well as in the Europe for Citizens*** Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries **and** in candidate countries **and** potential candidates which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Amendment

4. Cities in EFTA/EEA countries, in candidate countries **or in** potential candidates which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Or. en

Amendment 29

Damian Drăghici

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries **and in** candidate countries and potential candidates which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Amendment

4. Cities in EFTA/EEA countries, candidate countries and potential candidates which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Decision 445/2014/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries ***and in candidate countries and potential candidates*** which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Amendment

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries which participate in the Creative Europe Programme or in the subsequent Union programmes supporting culture at the date of publication of the call for submission of applications referred to in Article 10(2) may apply for the title for one year in the framework of an open competition organised every third year in accordance with the calendar.

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries, candidate countries and potential candidates shall only be allowed to participate in one competition during the period from 2020 to 2033.

Amendment

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries, candidate countries and potential candidates shall only be allowed to participate in one competition during the period from 2020 to 2033. ***Consequently, each EFTA/EEA country, candidate country or potential candidate could only host the title once during the period from 2020 to 2033.***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b
Decision 445/2014/EU
Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Cities in EFTA/EEA countries, candidate countries and potential candidates shall only be allowed to participate in one competition during the period from 2020 to 2033. *deleted*

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Bogdan Brunon Wentă

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b
Decision No 445/2014/EU
Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Each EFTA/EEA country, candidate country or potential candidate shall only be allowed to host the title once during the period from 2020 to 2033.; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point b
Decision 445/2014/EU
Article 3 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Each EFTA/EEA country, candidate country or potential candidate shall only be allowed to host the title once during the period from 2020 to 2033.;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point a
Decision 445/2014/EU
Article 10 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Pre-selection and selection in EFTA/EEA countries, *candidate countries or potential candidates*;

Pre-selection and selection in EFTA/EEA countries.

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point b
Decision 445/2014/EU
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall be responsible for the organisation of the competition between cities in EFTA/EEA countries, *candidate countries and potential candidates*.;

1. The Commission, *in close cooperation with the national authorities of the cities of the countries concerned*, shall be responsible for the organisation of the competition between cities in EFTA/EEA countries.

Or. fr

Amendment 37
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point c

Decision 445/2014/EU

Article 10 – paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The panel shall issue a selection report on the applications of the shortlisted candidate cities together with a recommendation for the designation of a maximum of one city in one EFTA/EEA country, ***candidate country or potential candidate***;

Amendment

6. The panel shall issue a selection report on the applications of the shortlisted candidate cities together with a recommendation for the designation of a maximum of one city in one EFTA/EEA country.

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3

Decision 445/2014/EU

Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In the case of EFTA/EEA countries, ***candidate countries and potential candidates***, the Commission shall designate one city to hold the title in the relevant years, on the basis of the recommendations contained in the selection report of the panel, and shall notify, no later than four years before the year of the title, the European Parliament, the Council and the Committee of the Regions of that designation.;

Amendment

2. In the case of EFTA/EEA countries, the Commission shall designate one city to hold the title in the relevant years, on the basis of the recommendations contained in the selection report of the panel, and shall notify, no later than four years before the year of the title, the European Parliament, the Council and the Committee of the Regions of that designation.;

Or. fr

Amendment 39

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point a

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 13 - Paragraph 2 – second subparagraph

Text proposed by the Commission

The Member State *or* EFTA/EEA country *or* candidate country or potential candidate concerned may nominate an observer to attend those meetings.;

Amendment

The Member State, EFTA/EEA country, candidate country or potential candidate concerned may nominate an observer to attend those meetings.;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point a

Decision 445/2014/EU

Article 13 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Member State or EFTA/EEA country *or candidate country or potential candidate* concerned may nominate an observer to attend those meetings.;

Amendment

The Member State or EFTA/EEA country concerned may nominate an observer to attend those meetings.;

Or. fr

Amendment 41

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point b

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 13 – paragraph 3 – second paragraph

Text proposed by the Commission

The panel shall transmit its monitoring reports to the Commission, as well as to the designated cities and to the Member State **or** EFTA/EEA country **or** candidate country or potential candidate concerned.;

Amendment

The panel shall transmit its monitoring reports to the Commission, as well as to the designated cities and to the Member State, EFTA/EEA country, candidate country or potential candidate concerned.;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Dominique Bilde

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 – point b

Decision 445/2014/EU

Article 13 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The panel shall transmit its monitoring reports to the Commission, as well as to the designated cities and to the Member State or EFTA/EEA country **or candidate country or potential candidate concerned.**;

Amendment

The panel shall transmit its monitoring reports to the Commission, as well as to the designated cities and to the Member State or EFTA/EEA country.

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Jonás Fernández, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 16 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The following Article is inserted:

“Article 16a

Network of European Capitals of Culture

A Network of European Capitals of

Culture (NECC) shall be set up, comprising cities that have held the title at least once. The Commission, after carrying out appropriate consultations with all the relevant stakeholders, shall adopt a delegated act regulating the NECC.”

Or. es

Amendment 44

Jonás Fernández, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial

Proposal for a decision

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 b (new)

Decision No 445/2014/EU

Article 16 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) The following Article is inserted:

“Article 16b

Recognition shall be granted to the Network of European Capitals of Culture (NECC), comprising cities that have held the title at least once. The Commission, after appropriate consultations with all the relevant stakeholders, shall adopt a delegated act regulating the NECC.”

Or. es