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MINUTES

Meeting of 4 May 2020, 15.00-17.00

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.01 on Monday, 4 May 2020, with Sabine Verheyen (Chair) presiding.

With remote participation of CULT Members

1. Adoption of agenda OJ – PE650.547v01-00

Decision: The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Approval of minutes of meetings of

• 21 January 2020 PV – PE647.059v01-00

Decision: The minutes were approved.

• 19 February 2020 PV – PE648.378v01-00

Decision: The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

The Chair announced that the Coordinators' decisions of 19 February and 6 April 2020, have been formally approved, as no objections were raised by the deadline of 24

February, respectively 14 April 2020.

The Chair asked for a minute of silence for the deceased relatives of committee members due to the corona pandemic, as well as for two former, recently deceased, CULT committee members.

4. Structured dialogue with Commissioners Mariya Gabriel and Thierry Breton

Speakers: Sabine Verheyen, Mariya Gabriel (EC), Thierry Breton (EC), Michaela Šojdrová, Petra Kammerevert, Laurence Farreng, Christine Anderson, Salima Yenbou, Dace Melbārde, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Tomasz Frankowski, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Ilana Cicurel, Milan Zver, Hannes Heide, Romeo Franz, Andrey Slabakov, Fernando Barrena Arza, Isabella Adinolfi, François-Xavier Bellamy, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Morten Løkkegaard, Loucas Furlas, Victor Negrescu, Diana Riba i Giner.

5. Date and place of next meeting

To be confirmed

The meeting closed at 17.02.

The Coordinators' decisions from 6 April are recorded in the annex of these minutes.

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Point 4: Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, Thierry Breton, Commissioner for Internal Market

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6 April 2020

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1. Points system for appointing rapporteurs for reports & opinions

The updated points table will be included in the next Coordinators' notes.

2. Chair's announcements

The Coordinators heard the Chair:

- run through key organisational points to ensure the virtual meeting went as smoothly as possible.
- report that the former Member of the CULT Committee, Manolis Glezos, had passed away.

3. Referrals

Follow-up on previous Coordinators' decisions

3.1. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe

COM(2020)0027

AD: SM

No action.

3.2. A strong social Europe for Just Transition

AD: AMN

Decisions:

- The Coordinators agreed to draw up a non-legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 57 (for 0.5 points).
- Group: S&D

3.3. Challenges of sports events' organisers in the digital environment

AD: HK

Decisions:

- The Coordinators agreed to draw up a non-legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 57 (for 0.5 points).

- **Group: EPP**

3.4. Situation of the youth: Employment and EU programme's efficiency

AD: SM

No action.

Legislative Referrals

3.5. Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020

[COM\(2020\)0174](#), 2020/0055(APP)

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Technical adjustment in respect of special instruments for 2020 (Article 6(1)(e) and (f) of Council Regulation No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020)

[COM\(2020\)0173](#)

AD: LM

Decision:

- **The Coordinators agreed NOT to draw up an opinion.**

3.6. Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a European Year of Rail (2021)

[COM\(2020\)0078](#), 2020/0035 (COD)

AD: DN

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to draw up a legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 56 (for 1.0 points).**
- **Group: ECR**

3.7. - 3.9. DIGITAL PACKAGE

3.7. Ensuring European leadership in the digital age and an EU approach to Artificial Intelligence

White paper on Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust

COM(2020)0065

AD: SB

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to draw up a non-legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 56 (for 0.5 points).**
- **Group: EPP**

3.8. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Shaping Europe's digital future

COM(2020)0067

AD: SB

No action.

3.9. A European strategy for data

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A European strategy for data

COM(2020)0066

AD: SB

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to draw up a non-legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 56 (for 0.5 points).**
- **Group: RENEW**

3.10. Proposal for a Council decision on the extension of the entitlement for co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part

COM(2020)0092; 2020/0039 (NLE)

AD: SB

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to draw up an opinion in the form of a letter, which will be drafted by the Chair.**

3.11. - 3.13. Industrial Strategy Package

3.11. A new strategy for European SMEs

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: An SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe

COM(2020)0103

AD: MSZ

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to draw up a non-legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 56 (for 0.5 points).**
- **Group: S&D**

3.12. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A New Industrial Strategy for Europe

COM(2020)0102

AD: SM

Recommendation: Postpone decision pending the decision taken by ITRE.

3.13. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Identifying and addressing barriers to the Single Market

[COM\(2020\)0093](#)

[SWD\(2020\)0054](#)

Decision:

- **The Coordinators agreed NOT to draw up an opinion and, instead, to table amendments in the lead committee should IMCO decide to draw up a report. Ms Kammerevert, as a substitute Member of IMCO, indicated that she could table CULT-relevant amendments as necessary.**

3.14. New_Circular_Economy_action_plan

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A new Circular Economy Action Plan For a cleaner and more competitive Europe

[COM\(2020\)0098](#) with Annex

Commission staff working document: Leading the way to a global circular economy: state of play and outlook

[SWD\(2020\)0100](#)

AD: AMN

Decision:

- **The Coordinators agreed NOT to draw up an opinion.**

INI requests by other Committees

3.15. Citizens' dialogues and Citizens' participation in EU decision-making

AD: SM

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to draw up a non-legislative opinion pursuant to Rule 56 (for 0.5 points).**
- **Group: RENEW**

4. Impact of COVID-19 measures on committee activities

AD: DN

The Coordinators heard the Chair explain the repercussions of the President's Decision of 9 March 2020 - coupled with the agreed definition of core business - on the CULT Committee's work. Specifically, the Chair explained that:

- Until at least 30 April, it will not be possible to present any of the ongoing draft opinions or reports in the committee, nor to hold any exchange of views unless linked to core business. Therefore, for all ongoing opinions and reports, the Chair will set a deadline for amendments in writing once the draft document is available.
- For the time being, the only permissible voting method is that used in the plenary on 26 March 2020. It is anticipated that, in May, a remote voting system will be available and the CULT secretariat will keep Members informed of developments.
- Committee meetings with interpretation can only be held using a tool developed by the Parliament IT service, which can only be used on an IPAD for now. Using Webex, as for the Coordinators' meeting on 6 April, means interpretation is impossible.
- Since all committees are equally affected by the rules on core business and the restrictions on voting, timetabling problems for CULT opinions are not anticipated. However, the CULT secretariat is monitoring the situation closely. Should any timetabling challenges emerge, the Chair will propose a solution.

Coordinators agreed that, in planning committee business, it is important to focus on the immediate priorities, notably in respect of the revised MFF 2021-2027 and of measures to alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sector.

5. Opinion on the AFET-INTA report on recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

AD: DN

Decision:

- The Coordinators agreed to deliver the CULT opinion in the form of a letter.

6. CULT Committee response to COVID-19 outbreak

AD: DN

- **The Coordinators agreed on a set of responses to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the CULT sectors (see separate document).**

7. Amendment to 2020 research programme

AD: DN

Decisions:

- **The Coordinators agreed to modify the 2020 research programme and ask the Policy Department to:**
 - a) carry out a study on the impact of COVID-19 on the cultural and creative sector and postpone to 2021 the study on the status of artists and cultural workers;**
 - b) to re-focus the study on sports policy to include an analysis of the impact of COVID-19;**
 - c) carry out a study on the impact of COVID-19 on high-quality learning and inclusive education and the role of digital education in tackling the crisis, with an analysis of different approaches across Member States;**
 - d) to prioritise COVID-19-related research ahead of studies that have not yet been commissioned.**

8.1. CULT Mission to Rijeka, 6-8 April 2020 - Postponement

AD: HK

Decision:

- **The Coordinators agreed to replace the mission to Malaga with the mission to the ECoC - Rijeka (Croatia), which, assuming missions are possible, would take place from 3 to 5 November 2020.**

8.2. CULT Mission to Hungary, 18-20 May 2020 - State of Play

AD: FP

Decision:

- **The Coordinators agreed to consider a possible new date for the mission to Hungary once missions are possible again, probably as the first mission in 2021.**

9. Resolutions, petitions, miscellaneous reports, and communications

Decision:

- **The Coordinators took note of the following petitions and miscellaneous reports and communications received for information, deciding not to take any action at this stage.**

Resolutions

In annex:

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Petitions

In annex:

1. Letter D(2020)304039_PETI to CULT_Petition 2019-0515_Cruiseships in Venice lagoon
Summary_EN_Petition 0515/2019 by Victor Manuel Soriano i Piqueras (Spanish) on the need to restrict and redirect cruise ships seeking to enter the Venice lagoon

Miscellaneous reports and communications

In annex:

1. Letter D(2020)303498_President to LIBE_Committee on digital and AI
2. Letter D(2020)303503_President to Verheyen_MFF negotiations box
3. Letter A(2020)001592_CoR to EP_Resolution 2020 EC work programme
4. Council decision (EU, Euratom) 2020/0580 authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for a new partnership

agreement

2020/0580 + ADD 1

Letter A(2020)001536_Council to EP_negotiations with UK for new partnership agreement

5. Report from the Commission on the EU in 2019 General Report on the activities of the European Union Published in accordance with Article 249(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

COM(2020)0860

6. Joint Proposal for a recommendation of the Council to the European Council on the adoption of a decision identifying the strategic objectives of the Union to be pursued through the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024

JOIN(2020)0006 and Annex ; (2020/0047 (NLE))

7. Joint staff working document: Structured Consultation on the future of the Eastern Partnership - Accompanying the document: Joint communication to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020

SWD(2020)0056

Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Eastern Partnership policy beyond 2020 - Reinforcing Resilience - an Eastern Partnership that delivers for all

JOIN(2020)0007

8. Letter A(2020)01898_Historical Archives of EU to EP_Activity report 2019
9. Letter D(2020)302992_ITRE-CULT-IMCO-JURI to_CCC_Feedback of the delegation in IGF

Feedback note_IGF 2019_final

10. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank on the Implementation of the Commission Communication on a stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions

COM(2020)0104 and Annex

11. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Identity of the asset manager for the common provisioning fund in accordance with Article 212 of Financial Regulation 2018/1046

COM(2020)0130

12. Letter A(2020)002138_EIB to EP_EFSI committee decisions_March 2020
13. Letter A(2020)002156_CoA to EP_Activity report 2019
14. Letter A(2020)002125_CoA to EP_Internal audit 2019
15. Letter A(2020)002169_EIB to EP_EFSI 2019 report_raw data

10. Any other business

- **The Coordinators heard the Chair express concern about the working method being applied by Commissioner Gabriel in her engagement with the CULT Committee. While welcoming the Commissioner’s openness and willingness to meet and engage with Members, she noted with concern a) the continued refusal by the Commissioner to allow political group or secretariat staff to attend informal meetings between the Commissioner and CULT/ITRE Coordinators (despite the presence of her staff) and b) the recent request for CULT Members to submit written comments on ideas for the new Digital Education Action Plan within 48 hours.**
 - **The Coordinators concurred with the Chair’s concerns and agreed that the Chair should write a letter to the Commissioner indicating that a) at least one adviser per political group and one member of the CULT secretariat must be allowed to attend even informal meetings, b) a Coordinator who cannot attend must be allowed to nominate a substitute for the meeting, c) any written comments sent on any file do not constitute or replace a position either within political groups or within the Parliament and are therefore to be treated as purely informal submissions, d) any informal meetings cannot replace official exchanges either through the Structured Dialogue or through other official committee or Coordinators’ meetings and e) the Commissioner should be invited to the next Coordinators’ meeting to discuss the response to COVID-19.**
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- **The Coordinators heard Mr Franz urge Coordinators to sign the petition on protecting Roma communities from COVID-19, which he also circulated by email.**