MINUTES

Meeting of 31 August 2020, 16.45-18.45, and 1 September 2020, 10.00-12.00 and 13.00-14.30 (coordinators’ meeting) and 16.45-18.45

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 16.57 on Monday, 31 August 2020, with Sabine Verheyen (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

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

2. Approval of minutes of meetings

   • 22 June 2020

   Decision: The minutes were approved

3. Chair’s announcements

   The Chair announced that the Coordinators’ decisions of 13 July 2020, have been formally approved, as before the end of the deadline on 16 July the only objection was raised by Ms Anderson on point 7 (oral question with resolution on “The future of European education in the context of Covid-19”), on behalf of ID, and this objection was not supported by any other group or CULT Member.
4. **Election of the third Vice-Chair**

Victor Negrescu (S&D), proposed by Petra Kammerevert (S&D), was elected by acclamation.

5. **General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections**

CULT/9/03598
2020/1998(BUD)

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Romeo Franz (Verts/ALE)  
PA – PE655.780v01-00

Responsible:
BUDG

Opinions:

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- **Consideration of draft opinion**

*Speakers:* Romeo Franz, Christian Ehler, Victor Negrescu, Laurence Farreng, Andrey Slabakov, Djahanguir Talebzadeh (EC/DG EAC), Sabine Verheyen and Petra Kammerevert

6. **Chair’s announcements**
The Chair explained the procedure of the remote voting, stated the quorum and opened the remote voting procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 17.37 and **voting was open from 17:36-19:30.**

*** Remote voting time ***

*All Members taking part in the vote (either present in committee meeting room or via remote participation) have voted by e-mail using printed ballot paper voting lists.*

### 7. General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections

CULT/9/03598  
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Responsible:  
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- Adoption of budgetary amendments and the horizontal mandate for the Rapporteur to restore the draft budget where the Council has amended any CULT budget line left unchanged by the CULT Committee
8. Establishing the InvestEU Programme

CULT/9/03162

Chair:
Sabine Verheyen (PPE)

Responsible:
BUDG, José Manuel Fernandes
ECON* – (PPE)
Irene Tinagli (S&D)

Decision: Adoption of draft position in the form of amendments
1 amendment presented
1 amendment adopted

The draft position in the form of amendments was adopted with 27 in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions.

9. Intellectual property rights for the development of artificial intelligence technologies

CULT/9/02282

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Sabine Verheyen (PPE)

Responsible:
JURI – Stéphane Séjourné (Renew)

Decision: Adoption of amendments
70 amendments presented
25 amendments adopted

The final vote on the opinion as amended was scheduled at 18:30, next day.

10. Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies

CULT/9/02267
Adoption of amendments

**Decision:** 88 amendments presented
14 amendments adopted

The final vote on the opinion as amended was scheduled at 18:30, next day

11. **The EU Strategy for Gender Equality**

CULT/9/01985
2019/2169(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Christine Anderson (ID)

Responsible:
FEMM* – Maria Noichl (S&D)

- Adoption of amendments

**Decision:** 22 amendments presented
22 amendments rejected

The final vote on the opinion as amended was scheduled at 18:30, next day

12. **A new EU-Africa Strategy - a partnership for sustainable and inclusive development**

CULT/9/02680
2020/2041(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Gilbert Collard (ID)

Responsible:
DEVE* – Chrysoyla Zacharopoulou (Renew)

- Adoption of draft opinion
Decision: 13 amendments presented
13 amendments rejected

The final vote on the opinion as amended was scheduled at 18:30, next day

*** End of remote voting time ***

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The meeting resumed on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 10.04 with Sabine Verheyen (Chair) presiding.

13. **Presentation of the priorities of the German Presidency by:**

- Monika Grütters, Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media;
- Michelle Müntefering, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office;
- Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community;
- Anja Karliczek, Federal Minister of Education and Research;
- Franziska Giffey, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

**Speakers (first panel):** Monika Grütters (German Presidency of the Council of the EU), Michelle Müntefering (German Presidency of the Council of the EU), Stephan Mayer (German Presidency of the Council of the EU), Michaela Šojdrová, Tomasz Frankowski, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Irena Joveva, Christine Anderson, Diana Riba i Giner, Niklas Nienaß, Dace Melbārde, Niyazi Kizilyürek, Isabella Adinolfi

**Speakers (second panel):** Anja Karliczek (German Presidency of the Council of the EU), Franziska Giffey (German Presidency of the Council of the EU), Sabine Verheyen, Michaela Šojdrová, Asim Ademov, Petra Kammerervert, Laurence Farreng, Christine Anderson, Romeo Franz, Marcel Kolaja, Dace Melbārde, Martina Michels

The meeting adjourned at 12:05.

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**In camera**

**In meeting room 4Q1 (József Antall)**

14. **Coordinators’ meeting**

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The meeting resumed on at 16:52 with Sabine Verheyen (Chair) presiding.
15. **Chair’s announcements**

The Chair announced the results of the votes on the adopted amendments.

16. **Exchange of views with the Commission on ‘European Universities’ and ‘Centres of Vocational Excellence’ in the context of the European Skills Agenda and Erasmus+**

*Speakers:* Sophia Eriksson-Waterschoot (EC/DG EAC), Sabine Verheyen, Milan Zver, Petra Kammerevert, Laurence Farreng, Ilana Cicurel, Salima Yenbou, Niklas Nienass, Christine Anderson, Dace Melbarde, Martina Michels

17. **Presentation of the draft motion for resolution on "The future of European education in the context of Covid-19"**

*Speakers:* Sabine Verheyen, Michaela Šojdrová, Victor Negrescu, Radka Maxová, Monica Semedo, Christine Anderson, Salima Yenbou, Andrey Slabakov, Martina Michels, Sophia Eriksson-Waterschoot (EC/DG EAC),

18. **Chair’s announcements**

The Chair explained the procedure of the remote voting procedure on the final votes and stated the quorum.

*Opening of the remote voting procedure on the final votes*

*Final votes by roll call*

*Decisions:*

9. **Intellectual property rights for the development of artificial intelligence technologies**

The draft opinion was adopted with 28 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

10. **Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies**

The draft opinion was adopted with 28 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

11. **The EU Strategy for Gender Equality**

The draft opinion was rejected with 3 votes in favour, 24 against and 3 abstentions.

12. **A new EU-Africa Strategy - a partnership for sustainable and inclusive development**
The draft opinion was rejected with 3 votes in favour, 23 against and 4 abstentions

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19. Any other business

Speakers: Romeo Franz, Niklas Nienaß, Petra Kammerevert

20. Next meetings
   • 21-22 September 2020 (Brussels)
   • 1 October 2020 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 18.25.

The Coordinators’ decisions from 13 July 2020 are recorded in the annex of these minutes.
Results of roll-call votes

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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 report on the last CCC Meeting and the CULT Committee planning after summer break;
- agreed to schedule the election of the third Vice-Chair for a CULT meeting in September and to use the combination of a secret vote with physical presence and iVote in order to meet the potential requirements for a secret vote;
- expressed their dissatisfaction as regards the current options for remote voting and entrusted the Chair to send a letter to the EP hierarchy asking for clarifications why the voting system currently used in the Plenary cannot be used in the Committees.

3. Referrals

Discharge for budget 2019

3.1. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors - Consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2019

COM(2020)0288

3.2. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors - Annual accounts of the European Commission for the financial year 2019

COM(2020)0289

3.3. Final annual accounts 2019 of the Translation Centre

AD: LM

Decision:
The Coordinators agreed to draw up an opinion (for 0 points) on the discharge procedure for the Commission budget and for the Translation Centre budget for 2019 and to appoint Mr Løkkegaard as Rapporteur.

The Coordinators agreed not to draw up opinions on any other discharge-related referrals.

### Non-legislative Referrals

3.4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience

**COM(2020)0274**  **SWD(2020)0121**  **SWD(2020)0122**

**AD: AMN**

**Decision:**

- The Coordinators agreed to postpone the decision pending the decision taken by EMPL and entrusted the Secretariat with liaising with EMPL in order to explore the possible options for CULT regarding this referral as soon as possible.

3.5. Proposal for a Council recommendation on vocational education and training (VET) for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience

**COM(2020)0275**  **2020/0137 (NLE)**  **SWD(2020)0123**  **f**

**AD:AMN**

**Decision:**

- The Coordinators agreed to postpone the decision pending the decision taken by EMPL.
3.6. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Youth Employment Support: a Bridge to Jobs for the Next Generation
COM(2020)0276

AD: SM

Decision:

- The Coordinators agreed to postpone the decision pending the decision taken by EMPL.

3.7. Proposal for a Council recommendation on A Bridge to Jobs - Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee
COM(2020)0277 2020/0132 (NLE) SWD(2020)0124

AD: SM

Decision

- The Coordinators agreed to postpone the decision pending the decision taken by EMPL.

3.8. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation and relevance of the European Union Work Plan for Sport 2017-2020
COM(2020)0293 with Annex

AD: HK

Decision:

- The Coordinators agreed not to draw up a report at this stage but to cover the issues raised in the Commission’s report in the potential future INI on sports policy to be drawn up after completion of the research study.
4. European Gender Equality Week - proposals for topics

AD: MSZ

**Decision:**
- The Coordinators endorsed the Chair’s proposal for topics and formats as listed.

5. ECoC selection panel - end of mandate and debriefing

AD: MSZ

**Decisions:**
- The Coordinators agreed to follow the proposed procedure and give the Chair a mandate to pre-select ten candidates.
- The Coordinators agreed to invite the current experts to submit a report rather than invite them to a Committee meeting, given the current difficult COVID-19 context.

6. Resolutions, petitions, miscellaneous reports, and communications

**Decision:**
- The Coordinators took note of the following 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. D(2020)101803_PETI to CULT_2 petitions for information_May 2020
   Petition_00820-2020_G.S.(DE)_European public service broadcaster_Summary_EN

miscellaneous reports and communications

in annex:
1. report from the commission to the european parliament, the council, the european economic and social committee and the committee of the regions on the impact of demographic change
   com(2020)0241 swd(2020)0109
2. report from the commission to the european parliament, the council and the court of auditors: annual report to the discharge authority on internal audits carried out in 2019
   com(2020)0268 swd(2020)0117
3. report from the commission to the european parliament, the council and the court of auditors: 2019 annual management and performance report for the eu budget
   com(2020)0265 part 1-3
4. report from the commission to the european parliament and the council: long-term forecast of future inflows and outflows of the eu budget (2021-2025)
   com(2020)0298
5. letter a(2020)004156_cd_t to ep_activity report 2019
6. letter a(2020)004136_council to ep_eci in view of covid-19
7. letter a(2020)004180_bundestag to ep_declaration by de, pt and sl_trio presidency

7. any other business

the coordinators:
- agreed with ms šojdrová’s proposal to send a letter from the cult chair to the turkish ambassador expressing cult’s concerns about the recent developments with regards to the planned retransformation of the unesco monument hagia sophia from a museum into a mosque; decided that the content of the letter should primarily focus on the building’s status as a unesco world heritage monument and its related obligations for turkey; agreed to apply a written procedure for the adoption of the final letter;
- agreed with the proposal from ms kammerervert for cult to request a plenary debate with resolution on "the future of european education in the context of covid-19" as soon as possible after the summer break;
- agreed with the proposal from ms kammerervert for the chair to write a letter to the european commission expressing cult’s disapproval of the fact that the
concept of European Universities has been included in the revised Skills Agenda, without any prior agreement between the legislators on this concept in the current legislative procedure on Erasmus+; mandated the Chair to write such a letter and to invite the Commission to a debate on this issue in one of the next CULT meetings in September.