MINUTES

Meeting of 19 April 2021, 10.00-12.30 and 13.45-16.15, and 16.45-18.45 (coordinators’ meeting)

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 10.06 on Monday, 19 April 2021, 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**
   
   - 24-25 February 2021
   
   **Decision:** The minutes were approved

3. **Chair’s announcements**

   The Chair announced that the Coordinators’ decisions of 15 March 2021 have been formally approved, as no objections were raised by the deadline of 17 March. Their decisions are recorded in the annex of these minutes.

   The Chair explained the procedure of the remote voting, stated the quorum and opened the remote voting procedure on the amendments.

   *Voting was open from 10.21 until 11.15*
**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.

4. Citizens’ dialogues and Citizens’ participation in the EU decision-making

CULT/9/04291
2020/2201(INI)

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Irena Joveva (Renew)

PA – PE663.036v01-00
AM – PE680.877v01-00

Responsible:
AFCO* – Helmut Scholz (The Left)
PR – PE689.799v01-00

- Adoption of draft opinion

Decision: The draft opinion was adopted with 26 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention
88 amendments presented
20 amendments adopted

**End of remote voting time**

5. Presentation of the STOA/ESMH study on “Disinformation and Science: A survey of the gullibility of students with regard to false scientific news”

Speakers: György Csepeli (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), Ramona Velea (Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia), Sabine Verheyen, Maria Walsh, Victor Negrescu, Ilana Cicurel, Laurence Farreng and Marta Markowska (EC/DG EAC)

6. Exchange of views on the freedom of press in Belarus (in camera)

Speakers: Petras Auštreivičius, Robert Biedroń, Lutz Güllner (EEAS), Andrei Bastunets (Belarussian Association of Journalists), Łukasz Byrski (BELsat TV), Sabine Verheyen, Tomasz Frankowski, Bernard Guetta, Romeo Franz, Dace Melbārde, Domenech Ruiz Devesa and Ewa Zukowska (EC/DG NEAR)

The meeting adjourned at 12.23 and resumed at 13.50 with Sabine Verheyen (Chair) presiding.

7. Chair’s announcements

The Chair announced the results of the vote on the amendments and stated the quorum.

8. Exchange of views with Commissioner Thierry Breton

Speakers: Thierry Breton, Tomasz Frankowski, Petra Kammerevert, Laurence Farreng, Sabine Verheyen, Marcel Kolaja, Dace Melbārde, Fernando Barrena Arza, François-Xavier Bellamy, Christian Ehler, Hannes Heide, Irena Joveva, Romeo Franz,
Andrey Slabakov and Vlad-Marius Botoș

   
   CULT/9/05508  
   2021/2017(INI)

   Rapporteur:  
   Dace Melbārde (ECR)

   Responsible:  
   CULT

   • Exchange of views

   *Speakers:* Dace Melbārde, Michaela Šojdrová, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Laurence Farreng, Niklas Nienass, Pernando Barrena Arza and Giuseppe Abbamonte (EC/DG CNECT)

10. **Chair’s announcements**

    The Chair opened the remote voting procedure on the final votes.

    *Voting was open from 15.57 until 17.15*

    *Final votes by roll call*

11. **Any other business**

12. **Next meetings**

    • 10 May 2021 (Brussels)
    • 27 May 2021 (Brussels)

    The meeting closed at 15.57

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19 April 2021, 16.51 – 19.04 (in camera)

13. **Coordinators’ meeting**

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Results of roll-call votes

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+ : in favour
- : against
0 : abstention
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1.1. Final vote

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COORDINATORS' MEETING

15 March 2021

DECISIONS

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10. Petition for opinion: Petition No 0858/2017 by Ana Losada (Spanish), on behalf of the Assembly for Bilingual Education, on the impact of full immersion in Catalan at school for families moving to the region (EN)
11. Resolutions, petitions, miscellaneous reports and communications, letters
1. Points system for appointing rapporteurs for reports and opinions

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

2. Creative Europe – state of play of the implementation (exchange of views with the Commission)

AD: MSZ

**The Coordinators:**

- heard the European Commission present the state of play of the preparations for the Creative Europe Programme’s overall implementation in 2021 and clarify details concerning some actions, in particular in the MEDIA strand;
- expressed their discontent, in particular with the Commission’s delaying the launch of new calls until after the formal adoption of the legal text despite commitments made during the interinstitutional negotiations to allow for an earlier launching of such calls.

3. Chair’s announcements

*In annex: CULT political priorities_2019-2024*

Proposed letter to the EC _Protection of the Iraqi cultural heritage_

Provisional calendar_CULT Committee meetings in 2021

**The Coordinators:**

- heard the Chair recall the CULT political priorities 2019-2024, and decided on 8 April 2021, 12:00, as the deadline for suggesting potential adaptations if deemed necessary;
- heard the Chair report on the state of play of the event with national and regional parliaments on the European Education Area, scheduled for 31 May 2021, 14:00-18:30;
- heard the Chair report about a draft letter by Domenec Ruiz Devesa, acting chair of the EP Delegation for relations with Iraq, regarding the protection of cultural heritage in Iraq and addressed to Commissioners Gabriel and Urpilainen, and decided to entrust the Chair to sign the letter on behalf of CULT;
- heard the Chair inform about the updated provisional calendar of CULT Committee meetings in 2021;
- heard the Chair report about existing conflicts of competence with the IMCO Committee, and decided on a concerted effort by all Coordinators to reach out to their respective IMCO counterparts with a view to find a
solution for the future.

4. Referrals

Follow-up on previous Coordinators’ decisions


COM(2020)0698

No further action can be taken at this stage.

5. Media and academic freedom in Hungary

The Coordinators:

- heard Ms Salima Yenbou raise the issue of media and academic freedom in Hungary, and decided to entrust the CULT Secretariat to evaluate possible further CULT action, including the possibility of the EP to initiate formal infringement procedures.

6. Enhancing scrutiny of programmes in CULT’s remit

Decisions:

- The Coordinators decided to:
  - nominate Standing Rapporteurs for the three CULT MFF programmes (Erasmus+, Creative Europe and European Solidarity Corps, for 1.0 points each) and the Rights and Values Programme (for 0.5 points), with a view to take a final decision on the nominations at their next meeting;
  - task the Secretariat to draft and regularly update a rolling strategy for enhanced scrutiny of the programmes in the CULT Committee’s remit, to be presented at a forthcoming Coordinators’ meeting.
7. Public hearing on “The status of European citizen’s education and possible avenues forward to strengthen civic and democratic education” – proposals for experts

**Decision:**
- The Coordinators approved the deadline of Thursday, 8 April 2021, 12:00, for political groups to propose experts for the hearing on *The status of European citizen’s education and possible avenues forward to strengthen civic and democratic education*, to be sent by email to the CULT Secretariat, using the new standard template.

8. INI reports – state of play

**Decisions:**
- The Coordinators agreed to confirm their decision of 26 October 2020 and request authorisation for CULT to draw up own-initiative reports on *The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism* and *EU sports policy: assessment and possible ways forward*;
- Group: Greens/EFA – INI report on *The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism* (for 2.0 points);
- Group: EPP – INI report on *EU sports policy: assessment and possible ways forward* (for 2.0 points).

9. CULT public hearings and ICMs for the second half of 2021

**AD:** MJP/ND
**Decision:**

- The Coordinators agreed with the proposal to ask political groups to send proposals for a maximum of 2 hearings to be organised in the second half of 2021 to the CULT Secretariat by 8 April 2021, 12:00, with a view for the Chair to prepare a common CULT proposal to be approved by written procedure.

10. Petition for opinion: Petition No 0858/2017 by Ana Losada (Spanish), on behalf of the Assembly for Bilingual Education, on the impact of full immersion in Catalan at school for families moving to the region (EN)

*In annex: D(2021) Verheyen-Montserrat PETI_CULT opinion on petition No 0858/2017*

**Decision:**

- The Coordinators decided to have a Committee vote on the three wording proposals for the CULT opinion on Petition No 0858/2017.

11. Resolutions, petitions, miscellaneous reports and communications, letters

**Decision:**

- The Coordinators took note of the following petitions and miscellaneous reports and communications received for information, as well as letters sent by the Chair, deciding not to take any action or do a follow-up at this stage.

**Petitions**

*In annex:*

1. Letter D(2021)301141_PETI to CULT_Petition No 1118/2020

Petition No 1118/2020 Marco Nervi (IT) Alleged violation of EU law by Art. 55bis of the Italian decree-law n. 76_summary

**Miscellaneous reports and communications**

*In annex:*

PE691.404v01-00 14/17 PV\1229572EN.docx
1. D(2021)301461_BUDG to CULT_Budget 2022 - Pilot projects and preparatory actions

2. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan & Commission staff working document

   COM(2021)0102       SWD(2021)0046

   Main committee: EMPL

   Committees for opinion: FEMM, CULT, ENVI, BUDG, ITRE, ECON, REGI

3. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Forging a climate-resilient Europe - the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change & Commission staff working document - Impact assessment report


   SWD(2021)0026

   Main committee: ENVI

   Committees for opinion: AFET, DEVE, INTA, EMPL, ITRE, IMCO, TRAN, REGI, AGRI, PECH, CULT, JURI, LIBE, ECON, BUDG

4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Action Plan on synergies between civil, defence and space industries

   COM(2021)0070

   Main committee: ITRE

   Committees for opinion: AFET, INTA, ENVI, TRAN, LIBE, JURI, IMCO, EMPL, CULT, FEMM


   COM(2021)0101

   Main committee: EMPL

   Committees for opinion: ENVI, IMCO, TRAN, CULT, FEMM, PETI, LIBE

6. Commission recommendation of 4.3.2021 on an effective active support to employment following the COVID-19 crisis (EASE)

   COM(2021)1372

7. D(2021)301129_Draft programme for Committee hearings for the remaining part of the first half of 2021

8. A(2021)000847_Council conclusions on the budget guidelines for 2022
9. A(2021)000872_Council recommendations of 16 February 2021_The discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year of 2019

10. A(2021)000841_Council recommendations of 16 February 2021_The discharge to be given to the bodies set up under the TFEU and the EURATOM Treaty in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year of 2019

11. A(2021)000858_Council recommendations of 16 February 2021_The discharge to be given to the executive agencies in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year of 2019

12. A(2021)001031_Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information


Note: Once the legal linguistic revision of the text of the Agreements has been finalised, the references in this Decision to the Articles and Annexes of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement will be adapted to reflect the final numbering in that Agreement.
16.  Reply letter_Gabriel to Verheyen_Hungarian University of Theatre and Film Arts

Letters sent by the Chair on behalf of the CULT Committee

*In annex:*

1.   H(2021)4199 Verheyen to Sassoli Interpretation in CULT

2.   D(2021)4601 Verheyen to ECA CULT Committee suggestions for the 2022 ECA Work Programme