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Committee on Culture and Education

CULT_PV06-10

MINUTES

of the meeting of 23 November 2005, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
and 24 November 2005, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

BRUSSELS

The Chairman, Nikolaos Sifunakis, opened the meeting on Wednesday, 23 November 2005 at 3 p.m.

1. Adoption of draft agenda CULT_OJ (2005)1123_1v04-00

The draft agenda was adopted as shown in the minutes.

2. Chairman's announcements

3. Approval of minutes of meeting of:

3 - 4 October 2005

The minutes were approved.

4. Exchange of views with Ms Viviane Reding, Commissioner responsible for the information society and the media

- Report on the Education, Youth and Culture (audiovisual sector) Council of 14 November 2005
- Structured dialogue: overview of activities in 2005 and plans for 2006

The Commissioner introduced the subject and responded to the members' questions. The following spoke: Nikolaos Sifunakis, Maria Badia I Cutchet, Catherine Trautmann, Manolis Mavrommatis, Ruth Hieronymi, Ivo Belet, Claire Gibault, Marianne Mikko, Grażyna Staniszevska, Lissy Gröner, Christa Prets, Helga Trüpel, Rolandas Pavilionis, Henri Weber, Gyula Hegyi.

5. Exchange of views with Mr Alejo Vidal -Quadras, Vice-President of the EP, on recent developments regarding the communication strategy and, in particular, the European Parliament's information policy

The Vice-President introduced the subject and responded to the members' questions. The following spoke: Doris Pack, Ruth Hieronymi, Matteo Salvini, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Helga Trüpel, Grażyna Staniszevska, Rolandas Pavilionis, Luis Herrero-Tejedor, Guy Bono, Maria Badia I Cutchet, Christa Prets, Christopher Beazley.

6. Presentation of the European Union Baroque Orchestra and the European Union Youth Orchestra by Ms Joy Bryer (EUYO) and Mr Paul James (EUBO)

The representatives from both organisations presented their activities and responded to the members' questions. The following spoke: Christopher Beazley, Christa Prets, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges.

7. Coordinators' meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6.40 p.m.

Thursday, 24 November 2005 from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 24 November 2004 with Nikolaos Sifunakis, Chairman, in the chair.

8. Announcement of decisions taken at the coordinators' meeting

RESPONSIBLE

1. European Year of Intercultural Dialogue (2008)
CULT/6/30935 ***I 2005/0203(COD) COM(2005)0467 - C6-0311/2005
Decision: to draw up a report, rapporteur EPP-DE
2. Key competences for lifelong learning
CULT/6/31795 ***I 2005/0221 (COD) COM(2005) 0548 C6-0375/2005
Decision: to draw up a report, rapporteur Greens
3. The transition from analogue to digital broadcasting: an opportunity for European audiovisual policy and cultural diversity
CULT/6/31688 2005/2212(INI)
Decision: to draw up an own-initiative report, rapporteur PES
4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: i2010: Digital Libraries COM(2005)0465
Decision: to draw up an own-initiative report, rapporteur EPP-DE

OPINION

5. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Implementing the Community Lisbon programme: A strategy for the simplification of the regulatory environment COM(2005)0535
Document received for information
Decision: no opinion
6. A framework strategy for non-discrimination and equal opportunities for all CULT/6/31158 2005/2191(INI) COM(2005)0224
Decision: no opinion
7. Report on the comprehensive monitoring report on the state of preparedness for EU membership of Romania
CULT/6/31623 2005/2205(INI) SEC(2005)1354
8. Report on the comprehensive monitoring report on the state of preparedness for EU membership of Bulgaria
CULT/6/31585 2005/2204(INI) SEC(2005)1352
9. Report on the strategy paper on progress in the enlargement process
CULT/6/31740 2005/2206(INI)
Decision: In view to the very tight timetable of the main committee, it is not possible to draw up an opinion. Members are invited to table amendments in plenary.
10. Special report by the European Ombudsman following a complaint against the European Schools (No 1391/2002/JMA)
CULT/6/31713 2005/2216(INI)
Decision: no opinion
to draw PETI's attention on the CULT Committee's report adopted on 8 September 2005 in plenary on the European schools (rapporteur: Mrs Honeyball) (paragraphs 24 to 27 of the resolution).
11. Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Migration and Development: Some concrete orientations
COM(2005)0390
Decision: no opinion.
12. Outcome of the screening of legislative proposals pending before the Legislator
CULT/6/31695 2005/2214(INI) COM(2005)0462
Decision: no opinion.
13. Amended proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards the place of supply of services
COM(2005)0334
Decision: opinion PES

14. Disputes as to powers and responsibilities

- IMCO: Internal market and professional sports: The Coordinators were informed about the CULT's opposition to the request by the Internal Market committee to the Conference of Committee Chairmen (CPC) to draw up an INI report on Internal Market and professional sport. Mandate was given to the Chairman to negotiate with the chairman of the IMCO committee the organisation of a joint hearing on various aspects related to professional football players.

- EMPL: Mobility charter: Following the contestation by the EMPL committee of our designation as the main committee for the proposal for a recommendation on the educational Mobility Charter, mandate was given to the chairman to inform the Conference of Committee Chairmen of the agreement reached with EMPL:

- Mobility charter: CULT is the lead committee and enhanced cooperation will be applied with EMPL, according to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure.

- INI report by EMPL on a European Qualifications Framework and enhanced cooperation will be applied with CULT, according to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure.

In autumn 2006, the Commission is expected to submit a legislative proposal on the European Qualifications Framework.

-CULT underlines that the agreement on the INI report by EMPL should not be seen as a precedent with regard to the competence of CULT, which should be the main committee once the formal proposal will be transmitted to the EP.

15. Studies for 2006

Decision: The list of the studies to be carried out by the Policy Department of DG Internal Policies was agreed.

- The study on the social statute of artists is already under way. Two of the proposed studies in the list will be combined to one (Study 3 on cultures and religions, and 10 on Islam in Europe).

16. (Dates for) Hearings and delegations 2006

Decision: The Coordinators confirmed the suggested dates for hearings and delegations decided at an earlier meeting. Regarding the delegation visit to Slovenia, it will take place from 19 to 21 April 2006.

17. Other business

1) Follow up by the Commission to EP's resolutions: The Coordinators agreed on the proposal by the EPP-ED group to ask the Policy Department of DG IPOL to prepare a working document, in early 2006, indicating all demands formulated by the EP to the Commission in its resolutions (on the basis of INI's, oral questions, etc.) where the Commission has not yet given a follow up. This would cover the former and present parliamentary terms in our fields of competence and would serve as a basis for discussion with the Commission.

2) Proposal for an INI report: The proposal by Mr ADAMOÛ to draw up an INI report on "Special education in schooling across Europe", which aims at examining the special education needs of handicapped and disabled children will be considered together with other proposals when new slots for the package of 6 INI's will be reopened.

9. Reflection period: the structure, subject and framework for assessment of the debate on the European Union

CULT/6/29618 2005/2146(INI)

PE 362.668v01-00

Draftsman: Helga Trüpel

- Consideration of amendments
- Vote on and adoption of draft opinion

The opinion as amended was adopted by 13 votes to 2. The following spoke: Michael Cramer, Miguel Portas, Manolis Mavrommatis, Henri Weber.

10. An information society for growth and employment

CULT/6/30187 2005/2167(INI) COM(2005)0229

PE 364.891v01-00

Draftsman: Giulietto Chiesa

- Consideration of draft opinion

The draftsman presented his draft opinion and responded to the members' questions. The following spoke: Catherine Trautmann, Maria Badia I Cutchet, Miguel Portas, Manolis Mavrommatis, and Mrs Bucher for the European Commission (DG EAC).

11. Transatlantic economic relations

CULT/6/28720 2005/2082(INI)

PE 362.641v01-00

Draftsman: Marie-Hélène Descamps

- Consideration of draft opinion

The draftsman presented her draft opinion and responded to the members' questions. The following spoke: Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Maria Badia I Cutchet.

12. Exchange of views with Mr Jan Figel, Commissioner responsible for education, training, culture and multilingualism

- Report on the Education, Youth and Culture Council of 14/15 November 2005
- Structured dialogue: review of activities in 2005 and programme for 2006
- UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity

The Commissioner introduced the subject and responded to the members' questions. The following spoke: Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, Lissy Gröner, Manolis Mavrommatis, Maria Badia I Cutchet, Rolandas Pavilionis, Milan Gaľa, Christa Prets, Michael Cramer and *Ovidiu Victor Gant (Observer from Romania)*.

13. Other business

14. Date and place of next meeting

28 November 2005 from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
29 November 2005 from 9 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
Brussels

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

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- (1) 23.11.2005
- (2) 24.11.2005

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