



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Brussels, 25 May 2009

9719/09

LIMITE

PV/CONS	26
EDUC	87
JEUN	29
CULT	43

DRAFT MINUTES ¹

Subject : **2941st meeting of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH and CULTURE), held in Brussels on 11 and 12 May 2009**

¹ Information relating to the final adoption of Council acts which may be released to the public is contained in Addendum 1 to these minutes.

CONTENTS

Page

1. Adoption of the agenda4
2. Approval of the list of "A" items4

YOUTH

3. Evaluation of the current framework for European cooperation in the youth field and on future perspectives for the renewed framework.....5

EDUCATION

4. Enhancing partnerships between education and training institutions and social partners, including employers, in the context of lifelong learning5
5. Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ("ET 2020")6

CULTURE

6. Culture as a catalyst for creativity and innovation6
7. European Capital of Culture
 - (a) Nomination by the Council of two members of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the period 2010-20127
 - (b) Recommendation for a Council Decision on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 20127
 - (c) Recommendation for a Council Decision on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 20138

AUDIOVISUAL

8. Creative Content Online8

9. Any Other Business

(a)	Commemorating the fall of the Iron Curtain: 20 Years after	8
	– Information from the Presidency	
(b)	The reform of the European Schools.....	9
	– Information from the Swedish delegation	
(c)	Conference on "Forum for Creative Europe"	9
	– Information from the Presidency	
(d)	Council Work Plan for Culture 2008-2010	9
	– Information from the Presidency	
(e)	Inauguration of the New Acropolis Museum	9
	– Information from the Greek delegation	
(f)	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an audiovisual cooperation programme with professionals from third countries (Media Mundus)	10
	– Information from the Presidency	
(g)	Conference on "the responsibilities of content providers and users"	10
	– Information from the Presidency	
(h)	Google books.....	10
	– Information from the German delegation	
(i)	European conference on youth	10
	– Information from the Presidency	

ANNEX	11
-------------	----

o

o

o

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

9407/09 OJ CONS 26 EDUC 83 JEUN 27 CULT 41

The Council adopted the agenda as set out in 9407/09, with the addition of item (i) European conference on youth, under Any Other Business.

2. **Approval of the list of "A" items**

9504/09 PTS A 20

The Council approved the "A items" listed in 9504/09.

Information relating to items 20 and 21 is set out in Addendum 1 to these minutes.

The documents in items 12 and 18 should read as follows:

Item 12: 9405/09 AMLAT 47 COHOM 92 CONUN 44
+ **COR 1 (et)**

Item 18: PE-CONS 3747/08 EDUC 296 SOC 822 CODEC 1917
+ REV 1 (de)
+ **REV 2 (fr)**
+ **REV 3**
9179/09 CODEC 638 EDUC 74 SOC 282

YOUTH

3. Evaluation of the current framework for European cooperation in the youth field and on future perspectives for the renewed framework

- Adoption of the conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council
- Exchange of views
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8993/09 JEUN 24 EDUC 71 SOC 270
9169/09 JEUN 26 EDUC 73 SOC 280
+ COR 1 (fi)
+ REV 2 (nl)

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted the above-mentioned conclusions as set out in 9169/09.

The Council also held an exchange of views on the basis of a questions paper submitted by the Presidency (8993/09).

EDUCATION

4. Enhancing partnerships between education and training institutions and social partners, including employers, in the context of lifelong learning

- Adoption of the conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8986/09 EDUC 70 SOC 269 COMPET 226
+ REV 1 (hu)
+ REV 2 (fi)
+ COR 1 (da)

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted conclusions taking into account the amended title to read as follows: Enhancing partnerships between education and training institutions and social partners, in particular employers, in the context of lifelong learning, the text of which can be found in a new document, 9876/09 EDUC 90 SOC 329 COMPET 273.

5. Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ("ET 2020")

- Exchange of views
- Adoption of the Council conclusions
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8783/09 EDUC 65 SOC 252 MI 157 COMPET 207
8984/09 EDUC 69 SOC 268 MI 169 COMPET 225
 - + COR 1
 - + REV 1 (fi)
 - + REV 2 (da, fi)
 - + COR 2 (hu)
 - + COR 3 (hu)

After an exchange of views, the Council adopted a new strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training until 2020, as set out in a new document, 9845/09 EDUC 88 SOC 324 MI 202 COMPET 266.

The Council agreed to publish these conclusions in the Official Journal of the European Union. The Council also agreed to enter in its minutes the Austrian statement as it appears in the Annex.

CULTURE

6. Culture as a catalyst for creativity and innovation

- Adoption of the Council conclusions
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8749/1/09 CULT 29 REV 1
 - + REV 1 COR 1 (fr)
 - + REV 1 COR 2 (lv)
 - + REV 2 (da)
 - + REV 3 (ro)
 - + REV 4 (fi)

The Council adopted the conclusions on the above subject as set out in 8749/1/09 REV 1.

7. **European Capital of Culture**

(a) Nomination by the Council of two members of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the period 2010-2012

- Selection of 2 Member States with a view to the nomination by the Council of the two experts
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))

The Council held a draw to select the two member states which will each recommend an expert to sit on the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the European Capital of Culture for the period 2010-2012. As a result of this process, which was carried out in accordance with Council Decision 2007/334/EC, Luxembourg and Romania were selected.

These two member States are expected to propose their candidates for Council experts before the end of June 2009 in order for the Council to officially nominate these experts at its November meeting.

(b) Recommendation for a Council Decision on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2012

- Adoption of Council Decision
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8720/09 CULT 28
8790/09 CULT 32

The Council adopted a decision designating the cities of Guimarães (Portugal) and Maribor (Slovenia) as European Capitals of Culture 2012 (8790/09).

(c) Recommendation for a Council Decision on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2013

- Adoption of Council Decision
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8770/09 CULT 30
8794/09 CULT 33

The Council also adopted a decision designating Košice (Slovakia) and Marseille (France) as European Capitals of Culture 2013 (8794/09).

AUDIOVISUAL

8. Creative Content Online

- Exchange of views
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP (proposed by the Presidency))
8771/09 AUDIO 15 PI 31 MI 156 TELECOM 73 CULT 31

The Council held a public exchange of views on creative content online on the basis of a questionnaire contained in 8771/09.

9. Any Other Business

(a) Commemorating the fall of the Iron Curtain: 20 Years after

- Information from the Presidency
9284/09 EDUC 81 CULT 38 RELEX 401

The Presidency informed the Council of its priorities for commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain (cf. 9284/09).

- (b) **The reform of the European Schools**
– Information from the Swedish delegation
9292/09 EDUC 82

The Council took due note of the information provided by the Swedish delegation as set out in 9292/09.

- (c) **Conference on "Forum for Creative Europe"**
– Information from the Presidency

The Council was briefed by the Presidency on the outcomes of the ministerial conference organised in collaboration with the European Commission in March 2009 in Prague.

- (d) **Council Work Plan for Culture 2008-2010**
– Information from the Presidency
9447/09 CULT 42

The Presidency informed the Member States (cf. 9447/09) on the progress of work in the working groups set up in the framework of the open method of coordination in the field of culture set up by the Council Work Plan for Culture 2008-2010. It also indicated that the Presidency had drafted a reply to the request from Iceland and Norway to participate in the open method of coordination in the field of culture, as a result of relevant discussions among member states.

- (e) **Inauguration of the New Acropolis Museum**
– Information from the Greek delegation

The Council was informed by the Greek delegation about the inauguration of the New Acropolis Museum, which will be officially opened in June 2009 in Athens, Greece.

(f) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an audiovisual cooperation programme with professionals from third countries (Media Mundus)

- Information from the Presidency
8992/09 AUDIO 17 RELEX 362 CULT 36 COMPET 227 CODEC 603

The Presidency informed the Council of the latest developments on this file.

(g) Conference on "the responsibilities of content providers and users"

- Information from the Presidency

The Council was briefed by the Presidency on a conference on the subject of responsibilities of content providers and users, held in March 2009 in Prague.

(h) Google books

- Information from the German delegation
9285/09 AUDIO 18 CULT 39 PI 35

The Council took due note of the information provided by the German delegation as set out in 9285/09.

(i) European conference on youth

- Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Council about the results of the European conference on youth, which was held in Prague on 12 and 13 March 2009 and focused on the mobility of young volunteers across Europe.

Re : Item 5 on the agenda

Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training ("ET 2020")

STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA

"Austria would point out that Member States' education systems are structured very differently, and that such diversity should be taken into account at European level too. Vocational education and training at all levels of qualification plays a special role in that connection.

While Austria realises that this benchmark relates to a European average reference value, the progress reports and analysis of the results achieved should take account of the specific situation of the Austrian education system. In particular, consideration ought to be given to the fact that, in Austria, higher vocational training takes place at the secondary and post-secondary level (ISCED Level 4a), whereas in other Member States it falls within the scope of tertiary education. There is therefore a risk that the Austrian data might not be comparable with the data obtained from the other Member States."

=====