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¹ Information on Council legislative deliberations, on other cases of Council deliberations open to the public and on public debates may be found in [Addendum 1](#) to these minutes.

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1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**

14009/15 OJ CONS 65 EDUC 295 JEUN 106 CULT 80 AUDIO 30 SPORT 60

The Council adopted the above-mentioned agenda, with the addition of the following *Other Business* item: "Joint declaration of the Ministers for Culture of the European Union, of the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, and of the President of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament – Information from the Presidency" (item 18(aa)).

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

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

14107/15 PTS A 88

The Council adopted the "A" items as listed in doc. 14107/15.

The documents on the item should read as follows:

13952/15 CODEC 1498 TELECOM 209 COMPET 504

+ ADD 1 REV 1

PE-CONS 52/15 TELECOM 178 COMPET 421 CODEC 1243

Details on the adoption of these items are set out in the Addendum.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

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

14108/15 PTS A 89

The Council approved the "A" items as listed in doc. 14108/15.

The documents on item 4 should read as follows:

Item 4: 13792/15 TRANS 354 MAR 137

13527/15 TRANS 349 MAR 134

+ REV 1 (lt)

4. **Draft 2015 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the renewed framework for European Cooperation in the youth field (2010–2018)**

– Adoption

13635/15 JEUN 97 EDUC 286 SOC 634 EMPL 417 CULT 74 SAN 357

The Council adopted the Joint Report as set out in doc. 14437/2/15 REV 2 and agreed that it be published in the Official Journal.

5. **Draft Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on a European Union Work Plan for Youth for 2016-2018**

– Adoption

13631/15 JEUN 96 EDUC 285 SOC 633 EMPL 416 CULT 73 SAN 356

The Council adopted the Resolution as set out in doc. 14434/15 and agreed that it be published in the Official Journal.

The Council took note of the interventions of the AT and BE delegations.

6. **Political participation of young people**

(a) **Draft Council Resolution on encouraging political participation of young people in democratic life in Europe**

– Adoption

13850/15 JEUN 102 EDUC 291 SOC 646 EMPL 424

The Council adopted the Resolution as set out in doc. 14435/2/15 REV 2 and agreed that it be published in the Official Journal.

The Council took note of the intervention by the FI delegation.

(b) **Final Joint Recommendations on 'Empowerment of young people for political participation in the democratic life in Europe' (EU Youth Conference (Luxembourg, 21–24 September 2015))**

– Presentation by the Presidency

12651/15 JEUN 78

The Council took note of the information presented by the Presidency, as set out in doc. 12651/15.

7. **The role of youth policy and youth work with regards to migration –supporting intercultural awareness and the integration of migrants**

- Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
13640/15 JEUN 98 EDUC 287 CULT 75 SPORT 53 SOC 635 MIGR 59
+ ADD 1

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13640/15 + ADD 1).

Ministers stressed, among other things, the need to enhance cross-sectoral co-operation in particular involving youth, education, sport, culture, employment and social affairs, and to promote European values in order to prevent the spread of fear and enhance tolerance. The role of youth work in the integration process at local level was highlighted, with the EU Work Plan for Youth facilitating the exchange of best practices in this regard among the Member States.

EDUCATION

8. **Draft 2015 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the Strategic Framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET2020) – New priorities for European cooperation in education and training**

- Adoption
13858/15 EDUC 292 JEUN 103 SOC 647 EMPL 425 RECH 267 MI 702

The Council adopted the Joint Report as set out in doc. 14440/15 and agreed that it be published in the Official Journal.

9. **Draft Council conclusions – on reducing early school leaving and promoting success in school**

- Adoption
13860/15 EDUC 293 SOC 648 EMPL 462 JEUN 104
+ COR 1 (lt)

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 14441/15 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

10. Education and migration: Strategies for integrating recently arrived migrants and people with a migrant background

- Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
13449/15 EDUC 282 JEUN 93 CULT 66 SPORT 51 SOC 617 MIGR 58
RELEX 854

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13449/15).

Among the issues stressed by Ministers were the importance of language learning, the systematic promotion of European values, fast assessment and validation of prior qualifications, and proper training of teachers to deal with this new challenge.

11. Any other business

Education

(a) European follow-up of the 'Paris Declaration on promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education' (17 March 2015): update and perspectives

- Information from the French delegation
13673/15 EDUC 289 JEUN 100 SOC 636 CULT 79 COTER 139

The Council took note of the information provided by the French delegation.

The Commission undertook to use all possible legal flexibility to re-orientate EU programmes and instruments in the EYCS area, so as to increase the focus on the integration of migrants/refugees and anti-radicalisation measures.

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(b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

- Information from the Netherlands delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands delegation on the work programme in each of the sectors during its forthcoming presidency.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

CULTURE/AUDIOVISUAL

12. **Draft Council Conclusions on culture in the EU's external relations with a focus on culture in development cooperation**

- Adoption
13645/15 CULT 76 RELEX 871 DEGEN 215 REV 1
+ COR 1 (sk)

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 14443/15 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

13. **Draft Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, amending the Work Plan for Culture (2015–2018) as regards the priority on intercultural dialogue**

- Adoption
13646/15 CULT 77 RELEX 872 MIGR 61 REV 1

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 14444/15 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

The Council took note of the interventions from the SE, DE, DK, SI, CZ and PT delegations, as well as from the Commission.

14. **Acting together against the destruction and illicit trafficking of cultural heritage in conflict areas**

- Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
13647/15 CULT 78 RELEX 873 UD 213 REV 2

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of the discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13647/2/15 REV 2).

Ministers condemned the destruction of cultural heritage in Syria, Iraq and other conflict areas, highlighting the link between illicit trafficking in cultural objects and the financing of the terrorist activities of ISIL/Da'esh.

A number of policy options were raised including the adoption of an EU regulation on the import of cultural goods from third countries, better co-operation with UNESCO, better training for customs officers, proper return of illegally-traded goods post-conflict, use of digitisation to facilitate restoration and recovery of cultural goods, a possible role for EUROPEANA, and the possible designation of 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

SPORT

15. Draft conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, reviewing the 2011 Resolution on the representation of the EU Member States in the Foundation Board of WADA and the coordination of the EU and its Member States' positions prior to WADA meetings

– Adoption

13103/15 SPORT 40 DOPAGE 7 SAN 337 JAI 764

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 14445/15 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

16. Draft Council conclusions on the promotion of motor skills, physical and sport activities for children

– Adoption

13431/15 SPORT 48 EDUC 279 JEUN 91 SAN 353

The Council adopted the above conclusions as set out in doc. 14447/15 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

17. The educational potential of sports: helping disadvantaged youth find their place in society

- Policy debate
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure
[proposed by the Presidency])
13440/15 SPORT 49 EDUC 280 JEUN 92 CULT 65 SOC 615 EMPL 405
MIGR 57
+ ADD 1

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13440/15 + ADD 1), and heard the perspectives of two external speakers: Mr Edwin Moses, president of the United States Anti-Doping Agency and Chair of the Education Committee of the World Anti-Doping Agency and Mr Mathieu Moreuil, representing the English Premier League. The debate saw considerable consensus about the need for partnerships, for evaluation and evidence about what works and what doesn't, and for working locally with the people on the ground.

18. Any other business

Audiovisual / Cultural

(a) Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) REFIT – State of play

- Information from the Commission
14103/15 AUDIO 31 MI 723 DIGIT 92

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, and of the interventions of the FR, LT, DE, EE, AT, PL and LV delegations.

(aa) Joint declaration of the Ministers for Culture of the European Union, of the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, and of the President of the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament

- Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency, as well as of the interventions of the FR and DE delegations and the Commission.

Sport

- (b) **Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions with regard to matters not related to the definition of criminal offences**
and

Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions with regard to matters related to the definition of criminal offences

- Information from the Presidency on the state of play

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.

- (c) **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) meetings (Colorado Springs, 17-18 November 2015)**

- Information from the EU Member States representatives (BE, LU, MT) in WADA

The Council took note of the information provided by the EU Member States representatives.

- (d) **Informal meeting of ministers for sport (Luxembourg, 6-7 July 2015)**

- Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and of the intervention of the FR delegation.

- (e) **The European Week of Sport – Guidelines for 2016**

- Information from the Commission
14249/15 SPORT 62 EDUC 299 SAN 384

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

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- (f) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**

- Information from the Netherlands delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands delegation on the work programme in each of the sectors during its forthcoming presidency.
