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CULT 169
AUDIO 114
SPORT 60

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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Education, Youth, Culture and Sport)
23 and 24 November 2023

MEETING ON THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2023

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 15599/1/23 REV 1.

2. Approval of 'A' items

Non-legislative list

15589/23 + ADD 1

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

Non-legislative activities

EDUCATION

3. Conclusions on the contribution of education and training to strengthening common European values and democratic citizenship 14530/23 + ADD 1-2
Approval

4. Council Recommendation on the key enabling factors for successful digital education and training [C] 14531/23
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Articles 165(4) and 166(4) TFEU)
Adoption

5. Council Recommendation on improving the provision of digital skills in education and training [C] 13601/23 + ADD 1-2
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Articles 165(4) and 166(4) TFEU)
Adoption

6. **Attracting female talent to science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) disciplines** [2] 14702/23
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of the background note prepared by the Presidency. Views were exchanged on the biggest challenges in reducing the gender gap in STEAM disciplines and the initiatives which could be launched, in both national and European contexts, to attract female talent to STEAM education and training areas.

YOUTH

7. Conclusions on promoting youth mainstreaming in policy decision-making processes in the European Union 14572/23 + ADD 1
Approval
8. Conclusions on a comprehensive approach to the mental health of young people in the European Union 14489/23 + ADD 1
Approval
9. **A forward-looking European Union committed to its young citizens: The role of young people in decision-making processes in the EU¹**  14680/23
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above subject on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency. Delegations presented their national measures to better include young people in decision-making processes, in particular those with fewer opportunities. There was support from some delegations for a proposal on a “youth test” as part of impact assessments for EU initiatives.

Any other business

10. Education

- a) DSA schoolyard guardian initiative 14865/23
Information from the Commission
- b) **The Ljubljana Reading Manifesto**  14839/23
Information from the Slovenian delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by Slovenia.

- c) **The 6th International Music Olympiad for school students**  15114/23
(Ayia Napa, Cyprus, 18-20 April 2024)
Information from the Cyprus delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by Cyprus.

¹ With the participation of the Vice-President of the European Youth Forum.

- d) **Data Privacy in Digital Education**  15163/23
Information from the Belgian and Dutch delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium and the Netherlands.

- e) **Aid to Ukraine in the education sector**  14780/23
Information from the Swedish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by Sweden.

- f) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the Belgian delegation

Youth

- g) **Outcome of the discussion at the informal EU Youth Dialogue breakfast meeting²** 
Information from the Presidency

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

- h) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the Belgian delegation

² With the attendance of a Spanish youth delegate and a representative of the European Youth Forum

MEETING ON FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023

Non-legislative activities

CULTURE, AUDIOVISUAL AND MEDIA

11. Conclusions on enhancing the cultural and creative dimension of the European videogames sector 14679/23
Approval + ADD 1-3
12. **Improving the working conditions for artists and other cultural professionals** [2] 14713/23 + COR 1
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above subject on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency. The recent European Parliament legislative initiative (Art. 225 TFEU) inviting the Commission to table proposals for an EU legal framework in this area provided the political context for this debate. Ministers presented their national measures to ensure adequate working conditions, gender equality, and mobility in cultural and creative sectors. In this context, Ministers supported exchanges of best practices, an EU-wide definition of artists and creators, common databases, border transfer of labour rights, and a potential institutional framework establishing a European status of artists.

SPORT

13. Conclusions on women and equality in the field of sport 14242/23
Approval + ADD 1-3

14. **Safe environments in sport** [2] 14108/23
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above subject on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency. As an introduction to the discussion, the Council heard a pre-recorded video message from the Ukrainian acting Minister of Youth and Sports. Many Member States recalled their solidarity with Ukraine. They also presented the steps they had taken to provide for safe environments in sport and exchanged thoughts about possible measures that could be coordinated at European level in this regard. Several Member States stressed the need to continue cooperation with the Council of Europe in the framework of the Saint-Denis Convention.

Any other business

15. Culture/Audiovisual

- a) **Current legislative Proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)**

Regulation on the European Media Freedom Act [1][C] 12413/22
Information from the Presidency

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

- b) **Stocktaking on the implementation of the 2021 Council conclusions on the recovery, resilience and sustainability of the cultural and creative sectors** [2] 14827/23
Information from the Presidency

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

- c) **The Ljubljana reading manifesto** [2] 14842/23
Information from the Slovenian delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by Slovenia.

- d) **The selection of the European Capital of Culture 2028, České Budějovice**  14841/23
Information from the Czech delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by Czechia.

- e) **Presentation of programs for European Capitals of Culture 2024 of Bad Ischl Salzkammergut (Austria) and Tartu (Estonia)**  14973/23
Information from the Austrian and Estonian delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by Estonia.

- f) **Pass Culture and KulturPass**  14972/23
Information from the French and German delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by France and Germany.

- g) **A multi-stakeholder platform to promote the recovery of Ukrainian cultural heritage**  15609/23
Information from the Italian delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by Italy.

- h) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from the Belgian delegation

Sport

- i) **The European dimension of the Olympic and Paralympic Games of Paris 2024**  14845/23
Information from the French delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by France.

- j) **The European dimension of the 2024 European Football Championship in Germany**
Information from the German delegation

 15186/23

The Council took note of the information provided by Germany.

- k) World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA): Meeting of the Foundation Board (17 November 2023)
Information from a Representative of the EU Member States in the WADA Foundation Board
- l) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the Belgian delegation

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-  First reading
-  Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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