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MEETING ON MONDAY 15 MAY 2023

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 8931/23.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

9010/23

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

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| 5. Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on the participation of New Zealand in Union programmes
<i>Adoption</i>
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.05.2023 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">C</div> 8623/23 + ADD 1
7773/23
7771/23 + COR 1
+ COR 2 (el)
+ REV 1 (nl)
RECH |
| 6. Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on the participation of New Zealand in Union programmes
<i>Agreement in principle</i>
<i>Request for the consent of the European Parliament</i>
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 10.05.2023 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">C</div> 8623/23 + ADD 1
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+ COR 2 (el)
+ REV 1 (nl)
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Non-legislative activities

YOUTH

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| 3. Conclusions on the social dimension of a sustainable Europe for youth
<i>Approval</i> | 8590/23
+ REV 1 (de, fi, hr, lv, sl, sv)
+ ADD 1 |
| 4. Resolution on the outcomes of the 9th cycle of the EU youth dialogue
<i>Approval</i> | 8588/23
+ REV 1 (de, fi, nl, sl, sv) |

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| 5. | Resolution on the revision of the EU youth strategy work plan
2022-2024
<i>Approval</i> | 7316/23
+ REV 1 (fr, de, it,
nl, da, el, es, pt, fi,
sv, cs, lv, lt, mt, sk,
sl, bg, ro, hr, ga) |
| 6. | Ensuring the inclusion of young people in EU societies:
Focusing on inclusion of young Ukrainians¹
<i>Policy debate</i> |  8675/23
+ REV 1-2 (sv) |

The Council held a policy debate on the above subject on the basis of the above discussion paper prepared by the Presidency. The Deputy-Minister for Youth and Sports of Ukraine for European Integration opened the debate calling for the integration of young Ukrainians temporarily displaced in the European Union. Delegations presented their national measures to better include young people in society as well as their actions to ensure the social inclusion of young people from Ukraine, in particular in education, through sport activities, and in their access to the labour market.

SPORT

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| 7. | Resolution reviewing the EU Member States' representation and
coordination for WADA
<i>Approval</i> | 8630/23
+ REV 1 (hr, sv) |
| 8. | Ensuring respect for human rights in the organisation of
major international sporting events²
<i>Policy debate</i> |  8676/23 |

The Council held a policy debate on the above subject on the basis of the above discussion paper prepared by the Presidency. The Deputy-Minister for Youth and Sports of Ukraine for European Integration and the Head of the Sport Division at the Council of Europe participated in the debate. Delegations raised the importance of good governance in sport and the values of sport while recalling the autonomy of the sport movement.

¹ With the participation of Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports of Ukraine for European Integration.

² With the participation of Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports of Ukraine for European Integration and with a presentation by a representative of the Council of Europe.

Any other business

Youth

9. a) **Outcome of the discussion at the informal EU Youth Dialogue breakfast meeting³** [2]
Information from the Presidency

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

- b) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the Spanish delegation

Sport

- c) **France deposits its national ratification instrument of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention)** [2] 8839/1/23 REV 1
Information from the French delegation

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

- d) **European dimension of the Olympic and Paralympic Games of Paris 2024** [2] 8840/1/23 REV 1
Information from the French delegation

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

- e) **Protecting the rights of Ukrainian athletes in international sports events held in the European Union** [2] 8970/23
Information from the Lithuanian delegation

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

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

³ With the attendance of a Swedish youth delegate and a representative of the European Youth Forum.

MEETING ON TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023

CULTURE/AUDIOVISUAL

Non-legislative activities

10. Conclusions on at-risk and displaced artists
Approval 8548/23
+ REV 1 (da, fi, nl, sv)
+ ADD 1

Legislative deliberations

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

11. **Regulation on the European Media Freedom Act**   8679/1/23 REV 1
Progress report + REV 1 COR 1
Policy debate (es)
+ REV 2 (sv)
8680/1/23 REV 1

The Council took note of a progress report delivered by the Presidency and held a policy debate on the European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) Regulation. In the EMFA Progress report, the President highlighted the state of play on the main issues. During the policy debate, Member States underlined their strong commitment to media freedom, media pluralism and editorial independence as building blocks of democracy and rule of law, and expressed broad support to EMFA proposal and objectives. The main areas where divergences remain and further work is needed are the scope, the national security requirements vs. the need to protect journalists and their sources, and the subsidiarity/competence issues regarding public service media providers.

EDUCATION

Non-legislative activities

12. Resolution on the European Education Area: Looking to 2025
and beyond 7900/23
Approval + REV 1 (hr, hu, lv, ro, sl, sv)
13. Conclusions on further steps to make automatic mutual
recognition in education and training a reality 7899/23
Approval + REV 1 (da, hr, hu, lv, sl, sv)

14. Reading and its importance for learning, equity and active participation in society⁴
Policy debate

 8403/23
+ REV 1 (hr, sl, sv)

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of the above background document prepared by the Presidency. The Executive Director of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement opened the debate by presenting the PIRLS 2021 International Report and Results, released on that day. Delegations exchanged views on what they considered to be the biggest challenges to raising the levels of reading among learners and the measures that could be taken, both at national and European level, to raise the levels of reading among learners of all ages.

Any other business

Culture/Audiovisual

15. a) Support to Ukrainian Cultural and Creative Sectors⁵
Information from the Presidency

 8842/23

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

b) The situation of the cultural and creative sectors in Ukraine
Information from the Polish delegation

 8843/23

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

c) Designation of Évora as European Capital of Culture 2027
Information from the Portuguese delegation

 8708/23

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

⁴ With the attendance of the Executive Director of the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement.

⁵ This sub-item was accompanied by a video-recorded message from the Ukrainian Minister of Culture.

- d) **Culture and media related conferences during Latvia's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe** 8794/23
Information from the Latvian delegation

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

- e) **Towards a better protection of Europe's cultural heritage** 8828/23
Information from the Romanian delegation

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

- f) **The situation of the Belarusian language and culture** 8844/23
Information from the Polish delegation

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

- g) **Public libraries and Ukrainian refugees** 8935/1/23 REV 1
Information from the German delegation

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

- h) **Recent copyright issues** 9079/23
Information from the Belgian, Danish, French and Netherlands delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Belgian, Danish, French and Netherlands delegations.

- i) **Candidature of Rome to host the World Expo 2030** 9122/23
Information from the Italian delegation

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

- j) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from the Spanish delegation

Education

- k) **Day of European Authors** [2] 8995/23
Information from the Commission

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

- l) **Primary School as Whole-day School: A balanced, fair, efficient and sustainable education system** [2] 8849/23
Information from the Croatian delegation

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

- m) **Observatory on History Teaching in Europe** [2] 8990/23
Information from the Cyprus, French, Greek, Irish, Luxembourg, Maltese, Portuguese, Slovenian and Spanish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Cyprus, French, Greek, Irish, Luxembourg, Maltese, Portuguese, Slovenian and Spanish delegations.

- n) **Standing Conference of Ministers of Education on 'The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal'** [2] 8985/23
Information from the Latvian delegation

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

- o) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from the Spanish delegation

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