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1. **Adoption of the agenda**

9405/12 OJ/CONS 25 EDUC 100 JEUN 38 CULT 73 SPORT 31
 + REV 1 (da)
 + REV 2 (pt)

The Council adopted the above agenda.

**LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS**
*(public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)*

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

9476/12 PTS A 37

The Council approved the "A" items as listed in doc. 9476/12.

The documents on items 1 and 4 should read as follows:

**Item 1:** PE-CONS 3/12 ENV 39 MI 43 AGRI 35 CHIMIE 4 CODEC 178 OC 22
 + REV 1 (bg)

8809/12 CODEC 999 ENV 288 MI 252 AGRI 236 CHIMIE 34 OC 195
 + COR 1
 + ADD 1 REV 3

**Item 4:** PE-CONS 11/12 SOC 154 CODEC 497 OC 91
 + COR 1 (hu)
 + REV 1 (pl)

9276/12 CODEC 1112 SOC 315 OC 209
 + ADD 1 REV 1

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

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

9477/12 PTS A 38
 + ADD 1
 + REV 1 (fi)

The Council approved the "A" items as listed in:

1) **9477/12**

2) **9477/12 ADD 1:**

19. Transparency - Public access to documents
 - Confirmatory application No 08/c/02/12
  8359/12 INF 56 API 37 JUR 187
  + COR 1 (en)
 approved by COREPER, Part 2, on 10.05.2012
20. European Economic Area
   - Establishment of the European Union's common position for the 37\textsuperscript{th} meeting of the EEA Council
     9475/12 EEE 42
     + COR 1
     + REV 1 (pl)
     approved by COREPER, Part 2, on 10.05.2012

   - Amended statements of reasons
     9254/12 COTER 39 PESC 520 RELEX 375 FIN 292
     + ADD 1
     RESTREINT UE
     approved by COREPER, Part 2, on 10.05.2012

4. **Draft Council conclusions on the digitisation and online accessibility of cultural material and digital preservation**
   - Adoption
     8832/12 AUDIO 39 CULT 61 TELECOM 73 PI 43
     + REV 1 (lv)
     + REV 2 (da)
     + COR 1 (ro)

   The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 8832/12 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

**CULTURE**

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

5. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing for the period 2014-2020 the programme "Europe for Citizens"**
   - Partial general approach
     9095/1/12 CULT 67 FREMP 64 JAI 279 EDUC 95 SOC 302
     CADREFIN 209 REV 1
     REV 1 COR 1 (es)
     RRV 1 COR 2 (da)
     REV 3 (lv)

   Subject to parliamentary scrutiny reservations from the German and Czech delegations, the Council reached a partial general approach on the proposed regulation on the basis of the text set out in doc. 9095/1/12 REV 1.
The United Kingdom delegation made a statement for inclusion in these minutes which can be found in the Annex.

The Commission reserved its position pending the outcome of the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

6. Recommendation for a Council Decision designating the European Capital of Culture for the year 2016 in Spain and Poland
   – Adoption
     8380/12 CULT 49

The Council adopted the above Decision as set out in doc. 8380/12.

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

7. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the Creative Europe Programme (First reading)
   – Partial general approach
     9097/12 AUDIO 42 CULT 68 CADREFIN 210 RELEX 259 CODEC 1063
     + REV 1 (da)
     + COR 2 (lv)
     9291/12 AUDIO 45 CULT 70 CADREFIN 221 RELEX 379
     + COR 1 (da)

The Council noted the agreement of all delegations with the exception of the Austrian, German and United Kingdom delegations to the text set out in doc. 9097/12, and thereby reached a partial general approach pending the opinion of the European Parliament. The French delegation maintained a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.

The Commission reserved its position pending the opinion of the European Parliament and the outcome of the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework.

The Council also held an exchange of views on the basis of the issues paper prepared by the Presidency (see doc. 9291/12).
SPORT

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

8. Anti-doping
   (a) Draft conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on combating doping in recreational sport
      – Adoption
        8838/12 SPORT 27 DOPAGE 10 SAN 83 JAI 260
        + COR 1
        + COR 2 (cs)
        + COR 3 (pl)

      The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 8838/12 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

   (b) Future challenges in the fight against doping including in recreational sport
      – Policy debate
        (Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
        8837/12 SPORT 26 DOPAGE 9 SAN 82 JAI 259
        + COR 1 (cs)

      The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the question paper prepared by the Presidency (see doc. 8837/12).

MEETING ON FRIDAY 11 MAY 2012

EDUCATION

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

9. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'ERASMUS FOR ALL': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport (First reading)
   – Partial general approach
     9098/12 EDUC 96 JEUN 35 SPORT 29 SOC 303 RELEX 360 RECH 122
     CADREFIN 211 CODEC 1064
     + REV 1 (da)

      The Council noted the agreement of all delegations to the text set out in doc. 9873/12 and thereby reached a partial general approach on the proposed regulation pending the opinion of the European Parliament.
The Italian and Maltese delegations made statements for inclusion in these minutes which can be found in the Annex.

The Commission reserved its position pending the opinion of the European Parliament and the outcome of the negotiations on the multiannual financial framework.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

10. **Draft Council conclusions on the employability of graduates from education and training**
   - Adoption
     
     9100/12 EDUC 97 JEUN 36 SOC 304
     + REV 1 (el)

   The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 9100/12 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

11. **Draft Council conclusions on fostering the creative and innovative potential of young people**
   - Adoption
     
     8700/2 JEUN 31 CULT 58 EDUC 88 SOC 277
     + REV 1 (pl)
     + REV 2 (el)

   The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 8700/12 and agreed that they be published in the Official Journal.

12. **Engaging with young people to release their potential**
   - Policy debate
     (Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [proposed by the Presidency])
     
     8833/12 JEUN 31 EDUC 91 SOC 283
     + REV 1 (el)

   The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the question paper prepared by the Presidency (see doc. 8833/12).
13. **Any Other Business**

(a) **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children**

- Presentation by the Commission
  
  9486/12 AUDIO 46 JEUN 39 EDUC 101 TELECOM 80 CONSOM 60 JAI 307 GENVAL 28

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the above Communication.

(b) **First report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the application of Directive 2010/13/EU "the Audiovisual Media Services Directive"**

- Presentation by the Commission
  
  9500/12 AUDIO 47 TELECOM 81 CONSOM 61 PI 52
  
  + ADD 1

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the above subject.

(c) **Draft Commission communication on state aid for films and other audiovisual works**

- Information from the German, Austrian, French and United Kingdom delegations
  
  9255/12 AUDIO 44 COMPET 240

The Council took note of the information provided by the German, Austrian, French and United Kingdom delegations on the above subject as contained in doc. 9255/12.

(d) **Criteria underpinning the student grant and loan systems for higher education: challenges ahead**

- Information from the Luxembourg delegation
  
  9101/12 EDUC 98 SOC 305 CADREFIN 212

The Council took note of the information provided by the Luxembourg delegation as set out in doc. 9101/12.

(e) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**

- Information from the Cypriot delegation

The Cypriot delegation briefed the Council on the work programme in each of the sectors for its forthcoming presidency.
**STATEMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Ad agenda item 5:** Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing for the period 2014-2020 the programme "Europe for Citizens"

**STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM**

"The United Kingdom intends to join the partial agreement on the ‘Europe for Citizens’ programme at the Education, Youth, Culture, and Sports Council on 10 May 2012.

However, the UK’s European Union Act 2011 requires that a vote in favour of, or otherwise supporting, a decision based wholly or partially on, Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union cannot be implemented without the passing of an Act of the UK Parliament.

The UK’s overall support for the proposal is consequently contingent on the passage of legislation in the UK."

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**Ad agenda item 9:** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'ERASMUS FOR ALL': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport

**STATEMENT BY MALTA**

"Malta acknowledges the importance of establishing a Union Programme focusing on the priority areas of education, training, youth and sport. Such a Programme will bring added value and contribute to more opportunities for students and young people. In particular Malta notes the streamlined structure of the Programme, the better-targeted priorities and the activities that reflect the new challenges Europe is facing.

Malta had serious concerns with regard to Article 13(6) on the National Agency allocations for the learning mobility funds as the reliance on a performance criteria to determine 25% of the annual allocation may negatively affect smaller Member States.

However, given that in the compromise text a guarantee has been added to Article 13(6) in order to avoid substantial reductions in the annual budget allocated to Member States from one year to another, Malta welcomes the compromise text of the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing “Erasmus for All”: the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport.

Furthermore, it is important that the overall increase in the allocation to the Erasmus for All programme is reflected in the Member States allocations as from 2014."
STATEMENT BY ITALY

"Italy deems it important that the possibility for high school students to benefit on an individual basis of forms of learning mobility be preserved under the European Union multiannual programme for education, training, youth and sport "Erasmus for All".

Italy also believes that an independent programme committee for the youth sector would facilitate the management of the programme."

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