



# CULT News

Newsletter of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education

## Committee meeting, 5 March, Brussels

### Votes in committee

#### Reports

**Educating the children of migrants**  
**Own-initiative report (2008/2328(INI))**  
**Rapporteur: Hannu Takkula (ALDE, FI)**

The draft report was adopted with amendments. The report stresses that for the full integration of migrants it is fundamental to have greater support for language courses and that integration is a two-way process involving both the host country and migrants.

Timetable foreseen: adoption in plenary (April I) (\*)

**Better schools: an agenda for European cooperation**  
**Own-initiative report (2008/2329(INI))**  
**Rapporteur: Pal Schmitt (EPP-ED, HU)**

The report was adopted with most of the proposed amendments. It stresses the importance of high quality school education for every child, independently of his or her background. Improving quality and access is vital given rapidly changing labour markets and, even more so, for each child's personal development. The report also underlines the value of European cooperation on the issue and supports the Commission's proposal to base future cooperation on updated and new benchmarks.

Timetable foreseen: adoption in plenary (April I) (\*)

#### Opinions

**Renewed Social Agenda**  
**Own-initiative report (2008/2330(INI))**  
**Draftsman: Cornelis Visser (EPP-ED, NL)**

Timetable foreseen: adoption in lead committee (EMPL) April II or May (\*)

(\*) *dates are subject to change*

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## Next meeting agenda, 2 April 2009

Among the points likely to be discussed:

- Media Mundus (R Hieronymi): vote
- Exchange of views with Commissioner Figel'
- Exchange of views with Democracy & Human rights Education (DARE)
- Exchange of views on European Neighbours' Day
- Coordinators' meeting

The final version of the [draft agenda](#) will be available online a few days before the meeting.

The meeting foreseen on **30 April 2009** has been **cancelled**. The Committee meeting on 2 April will be the last one before the elections in June 2009 and the new legislature.

## Exchanges of views

### Exchange of views with Commissioner Viviane Reding

Download the [speech](#)

### **Public hearing: "The role of public broadcasters":**

**Exchange of views with Pere Oriol Costa (Universitat Autonom de Barcelona), Olivier Japiot (Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel), Ross Biggam (Association of Commercial Television in Europe), Maria Rørbye Rønn (Danish Broadcasting Corporation), Alexander Wrabetz (ORF) and Pascal Albrechtkirchinger (ZDF - Europe office)**

The experts made presentations on the role of public broadcasters in the new audiovisual landscape and on future strategies to cope with changes and opportunities arising from technological developments. The presentations often referred to the Commission's forthcoming Communication on state aid to public broadcasters. Speakers also stressed the importance of the subsidiarity principle, of public broadcasters appealing to a wide public by offering a wide range of high-quality programmes, and the reciprocal relationship between private and public media.

Watch the [video of the hearing](#) online.

Download the presentations  
[Pere Oriol Costa](#) (in Spanish only)  
[Ross Biggam](#)  
[Maria Rørbye Rønn](#)  
[Pascal Albrechtkirchinger](#)

Consult the experts' CVs or the draft programme on the [public hearing website](#).

## Committee meeting, 9 March, Strasbourg

## On-going work

### **Reports**

#### **MEDIA Mundus audiovisual cooperation programme with professionals from third countries**

**Legislative report (2008/0258(COD))**

**Rapporteur: Ruth Hieronymi (EPP-ED, DE)**

Mrs. Hieronymi introduced her draft report. The principal change she proposes to the Commission proposal is to restructure it, highlighting the overall aim and subordinate objectives.

Timetable foreseen: deadline for amendments (16/03/09 - 12.00), adoption in committee (02/04/09), adoption in plenary (May I) (\*)

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## Exchanges of views

### **Exchange of views on the Media Mundus proposal with Valerio Caruso (Project Manager, Cineuropa), Alan Fountain (Chief Executive, EAVE, European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs) and Claude-Eric Poiroux (Director General, Europa Cinemas)**

Mr. Fountain addressed training and project development in broad terms with some reference to a European/Latin American project for producers funded by MEDIA International.

Mr. Caruso gave an analysis of the different types of funding and grants provided by the European Commission, in particular Euromed Audiovisual and ACP Cinema programme and suggested in this respect concrete ideas to improve the existing programmes.

Mr. Poiroux underlined the importance of international cooperation in the audiovisual sector, and explained how the future Media Mundus programme will foster this cooperation.

## Delegation to Linz, February 2009

On 25 - 27 February a delegation of the Committee on Culture and Education visited Linz as one of the European capitals of culture in 2009.

The European Capital of Culture event gives European cities the opportunity to present a cultural programme lasting around a year, highlighting the richness, diversity and shared characteristics of Europe's cultures. Over the past 20 years, the event has routinely attracted substantial media attention and has promoted the cultural, and perhaps economic, development of the cities concerned.

Linz, in 2005, was designated the Austrian candidate for European Capital of Culture 2009. The programme for the year includes more than 220 projects with 6500 activities, delivered in collaboration with major cultural institutions, artists, performers and venues throughout Linz and the region.

The delegation visited the most important venues and infrastructural projects and held exchanges of views with the organising team of Linz09 as well as with the political representatives of the city and the region. The delegation came to the conclusion that the festival programme lived up to the conditions and the spirit of the "European capital of culture" action. It showed a wide range of activities with a European dimension, involved the local population as well as the region and contained a number of elements with a long-lasting effect on the city's life.

## CULT meetings in 2009, Brussels

Constituent meetings in week 30 TBC

Wednesday 2 September, 15.00-18.30

Thursday 3 September, 9.00-12.30

Monday 5 October, 15.00-18.30

Tuesday 6 October, 9.00-12.30

Monday 9 November, 15.00-18.30

Tuesday 10 November, 9.00-12.30

Monday 30 November, 15.00-18.30

Tuesday 1 December, 9.00-12.30

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