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Subject:	Council decision of 7 May 2007 on the practical and procedural arrangements with a view to the nomination by the Council of the two members of the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the ‘European Capital of Culture’ Community action
	- <i>Selection of the two Member States with a view to the appointment by the Council of two experts to the panel</i>

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1. Articles 6 and 10 of Decision n° 1622/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing a Community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2007 to 2019<sup>1</sup> provide that a selection panel and a monitoring and advisory panel are to be established and that these panels should include seven members appointed by the European institutions, two of whom should be appointed by the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 304, 3.11.2006, p. 1.

2. In accordance with the above Council decision<sup>2</sup>, it is necessary to select the two Member States that will recommend experts to be appointed to the panel for the period 2013 - 2015. The two Member States are selected by a means of a draw as set out in Article 2 of the Council decision. Such a draw took place at the meeting of Permanent Representatives Committee (part I) on 25 April 2012 and the two Member States drawn were Austria and Estonia.
  3. The Council is hereby invited to confirm that Austria and Estonia have been selected with a view of recommending one expert each to the selection panel and the monitoring and advisory panel for the 'European Capital of Culture' for the period 2013-2015.<sup>3</sup>
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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 122, 11.5.2007, p. 39.

<sup>3</sup> On the basis of the recommendations of the two selected Member States and following a due scrutiny of the recommended experts, the Council will appoint the two experts in November 2012.