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- 1. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 as regards exemptions for commodity dealers [First reading] (LA)**
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The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4). (Legal basis: Article 114 TFEU).

- 2. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment [First reading] (LA)**
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The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4). (Legal basis: Article 338(1) TFEU).

- 3. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union (codification) [First reading] (LA)**
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The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4). (Legal basis: Article 207(2) TFEU).

- 4. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union (codification) [First reading] (LA)**
PE-CONS 48/15 CODIF 86 COMER 97 WTO 147 CODEC 1029
+ COR 1 (fr)

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted, pursuant to Article 294(4). (Legal basis: Article 207(2) TFEU).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

YOUTH

5. The role of youth policy and the youth sector in an integrated approach to support youth in their identity development

= Policy debate

8365/16 JEUN 32 EDUC 121 SPORT 18 CULT 32 EMPL 127 JAI 330

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (8365/16).

Ministers highlighted:

- the need for enhanced cooperation cross-sectorally and between Member States;
- the need for developing individual and tailor-made teaching approaches for young people;
- the key role of parents, friends and school for the identity development of young people; and
- the necessity of allocating sufficient funding and resources for the youth sector.

EDUCATION

7. Pursuing the modernisation agenda for higher education in Europe

= Exchange of views

8635/1/16 EDUC 131 COMPET 209 RECH 126 SOC 223 EMPL 134 REV 1

The Council held an exchange of views on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (8635/1/16 REV 1), principally aimed at enabling ministers to provide input for a forthcoming Commission initiative following up the modernisation agenda which they adopted in 2011.

Following presentations by Estonia on increasing the labour market relevance of higher education, Belgium on preparing engaged citizens and Slovenia on the changing roles of teaching staff, ministers highlighted inter alia the need for:

- more work-based learning in academic curricula;
- better connections between formal education and non-formal learning;
- greater exploration of the potential of digital learning;

- investment in well-prepared and qualified teachers;
- increased international mobility;
- greater flexibility in higher education systems;
- strengthened quality assurance; and
- improved access to higher education for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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CULTURE / AUDIOVISUAL

10. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2010/13/EU on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services in view of changing market realities

= Presentation by the Commission

9479/16 AUDIO 68 DIGIT 55 CONSOM 121 IA 28 TELECOM 98 CODEC 744

The Council took note of the presentation of the Commission's proposal. The Commission stated that the aim of its proposal was to modernise the current legal framework governing the provision of audiovisual media services to adapt it to changing market and technological realities. The Commission introduced the main elements of the new proposal among which are the preservation of the country of origin principle, an extension of scope so that new players are subject to rules on the protection of minors and protection against hate speech, introduction of a minimum threshold for European works available through on-demand services, more flexibility for advertising, and reinforcement of the independence of national regulators while respecting national specificities.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

11. Revision of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive and the promotion of European audiovisual content

= Policy debate

9146/16 AUDIO 64 CULT 44 DIGIT 53

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of the discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (9146/16).

In their interventions, ministers reacted also to the presentation of the Commission's proposal revising the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (see item 10).

In general ministers welcomed the Commission's proposal and considered it as a good basis for further discussion. There were positive interventions in particular on the extension of scope to cover on-line video-sharing platforms; the alignment of many rules for linear and non-linear services, especially concerning the protection of minors; and the preservation of the country of origin principle, including its more effective functioning.

Concerns raised during the debate related inter alia to the proposed flexibility for commercial communications, in particular the replacement of the hourly limit by the daily one, and the stricter obligations for the promotion of European works through on-demand services. Several ministers expressed their preference for keeping accessibility requirements for audiovisual media services within the directive, rather than having them regulated in the horizontal European Accessibility Act.

In order to increase the demand for European films, many ministers spoke in favour of co-productions. In this regard, they emphasised the need to simplify current national rules for co-productions which vary from country to country. Some ministers expressed doubts about the effect of quotas on the distribution of European content.

13. Improving governance in sport: the role of governments

= Policy debate

8367/2/16 SPORT 19 SOC 206 ECOFIN 332 JUR 183 FISC 62 REV 2

+ COR 1 (cs)

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of the discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (8367/2/16 REV 2).

Ministers stressed the role of public authorities to create an adequate legal framework for sport organisations and establish criteria conditions for their funding, underlining that, whilst sport organisations benefit from autonomy, it can be justified to monitor standards of governance when they receive public funding. In this regard, the importance of regular dialogue between the public authorities and the sport movement was stressed, as well as the sharing of experience between governments at EU level.
