



**COUNCIL OF
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NOTE

from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

No. Cion prop. : 9251/14 CULT 71

Subject : Recommendation for a Council Decision designating the European Capital of Culture for the year 2018 in the Netherlands
- *Adoption*

1. In accordance with Article 8(4) of Decision No 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 2019¹, the selection panel recommended in its report of September 2013 the nomination of Leeuwarden (Netherlands) as European Capital of Culture in 2018. In accordance with Article 9(1) of that Decision the Netherlands notified the nomination to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Committee of the Regions in December 2013.
2. According to Article 9(2) of Decision No 1622/2006/EC, the European Parliament may forward an opinion to the Commission on the nomination. The European Parliament forwarded its positive opinion to the Commission in February 2014.

¹ OJ L 304, 3.11.2006, p. 1.

3. In accordance with Article 9(3) of Decision No 1622/2006/EC, the Commission submitted its recommendation² for a Council Decision designating the European Capital of Culture for the year 2018 in the Netherlands on 30 April 2014. The recommendation was drawn up in the light of the positive opinion of the European Parliament and the justifications based on the report of the selection panel.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee could invite the Council to
- adopt the Decision annexed to this note and consequently designate LEEUWARDEN as European Capital of Culture for the year 2018, and
 - authorise the publication of this Decision in the Official Journal.
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² 9251/14 - COM(2014) 235 final.

COUNCIL DECISION

designating the European Capital of Culture for the year 2018 in the Netherlands

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Decision No 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 2019¹, and in particular to Article 9(3) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Having regard to the selection panel's report of September 2013 regarding the selection process of the European Capital of Culture in the Netherlands,

Whereas:

Considering that the criteria referred to in Article 4 of Decision No 1622/2006/EC are entirely fulfilled,

¹ OJ L 304, 3.11.2006, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Leeuwarden is designated as “European Capital of Culture 2018” in the Netherlands.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President
