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Subject:	Council Implementing Decision of 21 May 2014 on the practical and procedural arrangements for the appointment by the Council of three experts of the selection and monitoring panel for the European Capitals of Culture action 2020-2033 (Decision 2014/353/EU) <i>- Selection of three Member States with a view to the appointment by the Council of three experts to the panel</i>
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1. Article 6 of the Decision No 445/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing a Union action for the European Capital of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033<sup>1</sup> provides for the establishment of the expert panel in order to carry out the selection and monitoring procedures. The panel should consist of 10 experts appointed by the European Union institutions and bodies, three of whom should be appointed by the Council for a period of three years.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 132, 3.5.2014, p.1.

2. In order to set up the practical and procedural arrangements for the appointment of its experts, the Council adopted on 21 May 2014 an implementing decision<sup>2</sup>. In accordance with Article 1 of that decision, a draw is organised to select the three Member States that will be entitled to recommend one expert each to the panel. Such a draw took place at the meeting of Permanent Representatives Committee (part I) on 10 October 2014 and the three Member States drawn were Latvia, Finland and Germany.
  
  3. The Council is hereby invited to confirm that Latvia, Finland and Germany have been selected with a view of recommending one expert each to the selection and monitoring panel for the European Capital of Culture action for the period 2015-2018.<sup>3</sup>
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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 175, 14.6.2014, p. 27.

<sup>3</sup> On the basis of the recommendations of the three selected Member States and following a due scrutiny of the recommended experts, the Council will appoint the three experts before the end of 2014.