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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 8562/21.

2. Approval of "A" items


Non-legislative list

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The list of "A" items could not be adopted due to a lack of quorum.

Non-legislative activities

EDUCATION

3. Conclusions on equity and inclusion in education and training in order to promote educational success for all
Approval 7985/21 + ADD 1-2
4. Conclusions on the European Universities initiative - Bridging higher education, research, innovation and society: Paving the way for a new dimension in European higher education
Approval 7963/21 + ADD 1-2
5. **Evolving scenarios for the transformation of EU Higher Education**  8093/21
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a background document prepared by the Presidency (8093/21). The delegations exchanged ideas on the evolution of the higher education in the context of the green and digital transitions.

YOUTH

6. Conclusions on strengthening the multilevel governance when promoting the participation of young people in decision-making processes
Approval 8169/1/21 REV 1 + ADD 1

7. **A rights-based approach to youth policies: The drive for commitment in the future?**

 8172/21

Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a background document prepared by the Presidency (8172/21). Delegations exchanged views on actions to be taken at all levels in order to address the challenges that young people are facing through a cross-sectoral approach based on rights.

Any other business

Education

8. a) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and training

Information from the Presidency on the state of play

- b) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**



Information from the Slovenian delegation

The Council took note of the presentation made by the Slovenian delegation.

Youth

- c) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth

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Information from the Presidency on the state of play

- d) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**



Information from the Slovenian delegation

The Council took note of the presentation made by the Slovenian delegation.

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Non-legislative activities

CULTURE/AUDIOVISUAL

9. Conclusions on the recovery, resilience and sustainability of the cultural and creative sectors 7431/21
Approval
10. Conclusions on "Europe's Media in the Digital Decade: An Action Plan to Support Recovery and Transformation" 8025/21 + ADD 1
Approval
11. **Diversification of funding sources and mechanisms for the safeguarding and protection of European cultural heritage** 🗉 8023/21
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (8023/21). Ministers discussed how best to complement public sources of funding in order to protect and safeguard cultural heritage.

SPORT

12. Conclusions on Sport innovation 8126/21 + ADD 1
Approval
13. **Sport diplomacy: Promoting Europe's Interests and Values in the World** 🗉 8128/21
Policy debate


The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a background document prepared by the Presidency (8128/21). Delegations exchanged views on the potential added value of an EU Sport Diplomacy Strategy, and the possible models and next steps to build it.

Any other business

Culture/Audiovisual

14. a) **Presidency Conferences on Culture and Media** [2]
Information from the Presidency
The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency.
- b) **Selection of the European Capital of Culture 2025** [2] 8320/21
Information from the Slovenian delegation, supported by the Italian delegation
The Council took note of the information provided by the Slovenian delegation, supported by the Italian delegation.
- c) **The impact of video-on-demand (VOD) platforms on the EU audiovisual market, in particular on the relationships between the different actors in the value chain** [2] 8319/21
Information from the Spanish delegation
The Council took note of the information provided by the Spanish delegation.
- d) **Current legislative proposal**
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- Cultural policy perspective of the negotiations on the European Commission proposal on amending the VAT Directive (2006/112/EC), especially considering taxation of the art trade** [S][C] 8388/21
Information from the German delegation
The Council took note of the information provided by the German delegation.
- e) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency** [2]
Information from the Slovenian delegation
The Council took note of the presentation made by the Slovenian delegation.

Sport

- f) WADA meetings: Executive Committee and Foundation Board (hosted from Montreal, 20-21 May 2021) 8495/21
Information from the EU Member State representative of the incumbent Trio Presidency in the WADA Foundation Board
- g) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on sport 8513/21
Information from the Presidency on the state of play
- h) HealthyLifestyle4All initiative 8349/21
Information from the Commission
- i) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency** 
Information from the Slovenian delegation
- The Council took note of the presentation made by the Slovenian delegation.



Special legislative procedure



Item based on a Commission proposal



Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)