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MEETING ON MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2021

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 14054/21.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

14228/21

The Council adopted the "A" items listed 14228/21 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.


Non-legislative activities

EDUCATION

3. Recommendation on blended learning for high quality and inclusive primary and secondary education (Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Articles 165 and 166 TFEU)
Adoption ☐ 13621/21
+ ADD 1-2
4. Resolution on a new European agenda for adult learning 2021-2030
Approval 13616/21 + ADD 1
+ ADD 2
+ ADD 2 COR 1
5. Resolution on the governance structure of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030)
Approval 13624/21 + ADD 1
6. **Digital Education and Skills: Contribution to the structured dialogue**
Policy debate ☐ 13612/21

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13612/21). The ideas exchanged by delegations on digital education and skills, including the role of emerging technologies such as AI, represented a first contribution to the structured dialogue launched by the Commission in October 2021.

YOUTH

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| 7. | Resolution on the outcomes of the 8th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue
<i>Approval</i> | 13681/21 |
| 8. | Conclusions on the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2021
<i>Approval</i> | 13692/21 |
| 9. | Resolution on the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2022-2024
<i>Approval</i> | 13700/21 + ADD 1 |
| 10. | Civic Spaces for Young People | |
| | a) Conclusions on safeguarding and creating civic spaces for young people that facilitate meaningful youth participation
<i>Approval</i> | 13707/21 + ADD 1 |
| | b) Safeguarding and creating civic spaces for young people that facilitate meaningful youth participation
<i>Policy debate</i> |  13742/21 |

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a background document prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13742/21). Delegations exchanged ideas on the participation of young people in civic spaces, and the increasingly virtual nature of these spaces.

Any other business

Education

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| 11. | a) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and training
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | |
| | b) Joint Statement by the Ministers of Education on the situation of women in Afghanistan in relation to the right to education
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- c) Treaty on the automatic mutual recognition of higher education qualifications 13833/21
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- d) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
Information from the French delegation

Youth

- e) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth
Information from the Presidency
- f) Outcome of the discussion at the Youth Informal Forum breakfast meeting
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- g) Work programme of the incoming Presidency
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MEETING ON TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2021

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CULTURE/AUDIOVISUAL

12. Conclusions on culture, high-quality architecture and built environment as key elements of the New European Bauhaus initiative 13575/21 + ADD 1
Approval
13. Conclusions on increasing the availability and competitiveness of European audiovisual and media content 13592/21 + ADD 1
+ ADD 1 COR 1
+ ADD 2
Approval

14. **Cultural heritage and heritage rights in the context of sustainable development and the future of Europe** 13677/21
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13677/21). Delegations acknowledged the importance of cultural heritage and heritage rights, especially as a tool for sustainable development. They emphasised the need for enhanced action to protect and promote cultural heritage. The Ministers also asserted their support for Afghan female artists. The Secretary General of Europa Nostra was invited to participate and share her views on the topic as an additional input to the debate.

SPORT

15. Resolution on the key features of a European Sport Model 13711/21
Approval + ADD 1-2
16. Conclusions on lifelong physical activity 13713/21 + ADD 1
Approval
17. **Athletes' dual careers** 13743/21
Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the above topic on the basis of a discussion paper prepared by the Presidency (doc. 13743/21). Delegations received input from a former Slovenian athlete about the transition out of a career in elite sport into the labour market, and exchanged views on strategies to create more opportunities and protection for athletes.

Any other business

Culture/Audiovisual

18. a) Selection of the European Capital of Culture 2026 13811/21
Information from the Finnish delegation
- b) Recovery of the culture sector after the COVID-19 pandemic 13936/21
Information from the Commission

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| c) | Towards a more sustainable management of cultural heritage
<i>Information from the Spanish delegation</i> | 13827/21 |
| d) | The status of cultural and creative professionals
<i>Information from the Portuguese delegation</i> | 13888/21 |
| e) | The G20 Cultural Ministerial meeting and the Rome declaration of G20 Ministers of Culture
<i>Information from the Italian delegation</i> | 13826/21 |
| f) | CulturEU funding guide and web tool: EU funding opportunities for the Cultural and Creative Sectors 2021-2027
<i>Information from the Commission</i> | 13935/21 |
| g) | Proposal to establish the European Year of Resilience through Culture 2023
<i>Information from the Romanian delegation</i> | 14106/21 |
| h) | Work programme of the incoming Presidency
<i>Information from the French delegation</i> | |

Sport

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| i) | WADA meetings: Executive Committee and Foundation Board (Paris, 24-25 November 2021)
<i>Information from the EU Member State representative of the incumbent Trio Presidency in the WADA Foundation Board</i> | |
| j) | Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on sport
<i>Information from the Presidency</i> | |
| k) | Transparency and democracy in international sport federations
<i>Information from the Danish, Finnish and Swedish delegations</i> | 13875/21 + COR 1 |
| l) | Work programme of the incoming Presidency
<i>Information from the French delegation</i> | |

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

[C] Item based on a Commission proposal