

European capital of culture: Community action, years 2005 to 2019

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The Parliament adopted a recommendation concerning the decision on the common position (EC) 47/99 on a Community action for the 'European Capital of Culture' drafted by Mr. Philippe MONFILS (ELDR, Belgium). MEPs voted to endorse the compromise reached with the Council over proposed arrangements to be adopted in selecting European cultural capitals over the 2005 to 2019 period, following achievement of a compromise between Council and Parliament which is embodied in the amendments that were adopted. The principle of rotation by country was accepted and several towns from the same country will be able to present their candidature on the basis of a programme of cultural events. Finally, a selection panel of independent experts will draw up a report, Parliament will deliver its opinion and the Commission will make a recommendation with Council making a final decision.