Basic information

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EC/Switzerland agreement: audiovisual field, participation in the programme MEDIA 2007 **Subject** 3.30.01.02 Programmes and actions in audiovisual sector 6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture and Education		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture and Education	HIERONYMI Ruth (PPE-DE)	27/08/2007

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2996	2010-02-22
General Affairs	3032	2010-09-13
General Affairs	3028	2010-07-26
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2820	2007-09-28

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Communications Networks, Content and Technology	KROES Neelie

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/08/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0477	Summary
11/10/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/12/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
20/12/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0512/2007	
19/02/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0046/2008	Summary
19/02/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
16/02/2010	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	05133/2010	Summary
04/03/2010	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
26/07/2010	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/07/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/09/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CULT/7/02437 CULT/6/52500

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE398.418	27/11/2007	
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0046/2008	19/02/2008	Summary

Council of the EU

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Document attached to the procedure	12419/2007	18/09/2007	
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	05133/2010	16/02/2010	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2007)0477	21/08/2007	Summary

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2010/0478
OJ L 234 04.09.2010, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Switzerland agreement: audiovisual field, participation in the programme MEDIA 2007

2007/0171(NLE) - 26/07/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement with the Swiss Community on the terms and conditions for the participation of the latter in the MEDIA 2007 programme.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2010/478/EU concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation in the audiovisual field, establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the Community programme MEDIA 2007, and a Final Act.

CONTENT: on behalf of the European Community the Commission negotiated an agreement with the Swiss Confederation in the audiovisual field, establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the Community programme MEDIA 2007 and a Final Act. The latter were both signed on behalf of the Community on 11 October 2007, subject to their conclusion at a later date, and have been applied provisionally as from 1 September 2007, in accordance with Council Decision 2007/745/EC. This Decision concludes the Agreement. It further states that as a consequence of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the EU has replaced and succeeded the European Community.

The main elements of the Agreement, in summary, are as follows:

- in Annex I the Agreement defines the conditions of the Swiss broadcasting regulatory framework. Certain provisions set out in the previous Agreement have been revised and completed in order to make Swiss legislation more compatible with the EU's body of law. For example, Articles 1 and 4 in Annex I permit a closer match on provisions regarding the freedom of reception and retransmission. Article 2 in the same Annex guarantees Swiss compliance with Community provisions regarding measures taken to safeguard the broadcasting of events of major importance to society;
- Swiss projects must meet the same conditions, rules and procedures as those applied to Member State projects. This refers, in particular, to the submission, assessment and selection of applications and projects, the various responsibilities of the national structures in the implementation of the programme and the activities related to the monitoring of the participation in the programme;
- Switzerland will pay an annual contribution to the programme;
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on matters relating to financial control and auditing Switzerland agrees to conform to Community provisions, including controls by Community bodies;
- the Agreement will apply provisionally as from the date of its signature and will continue to apply until the programme comes to an end, or until one of the sides notifies the other side of its wish to terminate the Agreement;
- the Agreement will be managed by a joint committee, composed of representatives from both sides.

Other elements of the proposal include: a Joint Declaration on reinforcing co-operation in matters of audiovisual policy; a Joint Declaration to adapt the Agreement once the revisions of the current “Television without Frontiers” Directive comes into force; and a Joint Declaration granting Switzerland symmetrical treatment in correspondence with the commitments undertaken by Switzerland with regard to events of major societal importance.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 26/07/2010.

EC/Switzerland agreement: audiovisual field, participation in the programme MEDIA 2007

2007/0171(NLE) - 21/08/2007 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to sign, and provisionally apply, an Agreement with the Swiss Community on the terms and conditions for their participation on the MEDIA 2007 programme.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Swiss-Community Agreement on Swiss participation on the MEDIA Plus and MEDIA training programmes came to an end on 31 December 2006. The Community’s new programme MEDIA II, allows for EFTA countries, which are members of the EEA, to participate on the new programme. Negotiations with the Swiss authorities regarding the terms and conditions on the new MEDIA 2007 programme have now been concluded.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal, therefore, is the signature of an Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the Community establishing the terms and conditions for Swiss participation on MEDIA 2007.

The main elements of the proposed Agreement, in summary, are as follows:

- in Annex I the Agreement defines the conditions of the Swiss broadcasting regulatory framework. Certain provisions set out in the previous Agreement have been revised and completed in order to make Swiss legislation more compatible with the EU’s body of law. For example, Articles 1 and 4 in Annex I permit a closer match on provisions regarding the freedom of reception and retransmission. Article 2 in the same Annex guarantees Swiss compliance with Community provisions regarding measures taken to safeguard the broadcasting of events of major importance to society;

- Swiss projects must meet the same conditions, rules and procedures as those applied to Member State projects. This refers, in particular, to the submission, assessment and selection of applications and projects, the various responsibilities of the national structures in the implementation of the programme and the activities related to the monitoring of the participation in the programme;

- Switzerland will pay an annual contribution to the programme;

- on matters relating to financial control and auditing Switzerland agrees to conform to Community provisions, including controls by Community bodies;

- the Agreement will apply provisionally as from the date of its signature and will continue to apply until the programme comes to an end, or until one of the sides notifies the other side of its wish to terminate the Agreement;

- the Agreement will be managed by a joint committee, composed of representatives from both sides.

Other elements of the proposal include: a Joint Declaration on reinforcing co-operation in matters of audiovisual policy; a Joint Declaration to adapt the Agreement once the revisions of the current “Television without Frontiers” Directive comes into force; and a Joint Declaration granting Switzerland symmetrical treatment in correspondence with the commitments undertaken by Switzerland with regard to events of major societal importance.

EC/Switzerland agreement: audiovisual field, participation in the programme MEDIA 2007

2007/0171(NLE) - 16/02/2010 - Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation in the audiovisual field, establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the Community programme MEDIA 2007.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the aim of this proposal is to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation in the audiovisual field, establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the Community programme MEDIA 2007.

The Agreement and the Final Act were signed on behalf of the Community on 11 October 2007, subject to their conclusion at a later date, and have been applied provisionally as from 1 September 2007, in accordance with Council Decision 2007/745/EC.

For details of the content of the Agreement, please refer to the initial document of 21/08/2007 as well as Council document 12419/2007.

As consequence of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community and from that date exercises all rights and assumes all obligations of the European Community. Therefore, references to "the European Community" in the text of the Agreement are, where appropriate, to be read as "the European Union.

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2007/0171(NLE) - 19/02/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution based on the report drafted by Ruth **HIERONYMI** (EPP-ED, DE), approving the proposal for a Council Decision aimed at concluding an Agreement between the European Community and Switzerland on the participation of the latter in the Community programme MEDIA 2007. The resolution was adopted by 648 votes for, 2 against, and 16 abstentions.