



Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council
Brussels, 21 and 22 November 2019

The Council meeting on 21 and 22 November 2019 will be chaired by **Hanna Kosonen**, Minister of Science and Culture of Finland. The sessions on both days will be public.

The morning session on 21 November will begin at **10.00** and will be devoted to culture and audio-visual issues. Ministers will adopt a resolution on the **cultural dimension of sustainable development** and will hold a public policy debate on the **strengths, innovation potential and global competitiveness of the European cultural, creative and audio-visual industries**.

Sports ministers will meet for a working lunch to exchange views on the **future of the European sports model** with high-level International Olympic Committee representatives.

The afternoon session will begin at **15.00** and will deal with sports topics only. Ministers are expected to adopt two sets of conclusions - on **combatting corruption in sport** and on **safeguarding children in sport**. They will also hold a public policy debate on **promoting good governance in sport** in the presence of a guest speaker - **Witold Banka**, the recently appointed President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

A press conference by minister **Kosonen** and Commissioner **Navracsics** will be held at **+/- 17.40** in the Justus Lipsius building press room.

¹ This note has been drawn up under the responsibility of the press office.

The half-day meeting on 22 November will be preceded by a working breakfast in the framework of the EU Youth Dialogue. Representatives of the current Trio Presidency (RO, FI, HR) and the future German presidency, the Commission and European youth organisations will exchange views on **mobility of young people**.

The formal session will begin at **10.00** and will deal with youth issues only. Ministers will adopt two sets of conclusions - on **digital youth work** and on **education and training of youth workers**. They will also hold a public policy debate entitled '**A vision for youth work in Europe – climate change, young people and youth work**', with a youth representative as special guest.

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Resolution on the cultural dimension of sustainable development

Ministers of culture will adopt a resolution on the cultural dimension of sustainable development ([13336/19](#)).

The aim of the resolution is to strengthen the contribution of culture to sustainable development. Its adoption will trigger a process leading to an action plan on the cultural dimension of sustainable development at EU level. The plan will be developed by the Commission in cooperation with member states and is expected to be included into the future EU implementation strategy for the 2030 Agenda.

In recent years, the work of the Council and the Commission in the area of culture has concentrated on promoting cultural diversity as well as the economic, social and external relations aspects of culture. The Council has been implementing work plans for culture since 2002 and the European Commission has implemented the European Agenda for Culture (2007) and the New European Agenda for Culture (2018). The cooperation in the framework of the work plans and agendas has certainly produced results as far as sustainable development is concerned, but reinforced and focused action in this respect would certainly be beneficial. Delivering on sustainability would be a response of the sector to the 'New Strategic Agenda 2019-2024'¹ adopted by EU leaders in June. In it they have identified sustainability as crucial for the European model for the future and have committed to invest in culture and cultural heritage, which are at the heart of European identity.

Strengths, innovation potential and global competitiveness of the European cultural, creative and audio-visual industries - public debate

On the basis of a presidency discussion paper ([13341/19](#)), ministers of culture will hold a public debate on the strengths, innovation potential and global competitiveness of the European cultural, creative and audio-visual industries (CCIs).

The aim of this exchange of views is to take stock of the current situation of the European CCIs and assess how they can perform and position themselves better on the global market. It is expected that the debate will focus on sustainable competitiveness, adaptability, impact, disruption of traditional business models, promotion of European values and cross-sectoral innovation.

To steer and structure the ministerial discussion, the presidency has proposed the following questions:

- Which challenges facing the CCIs and more specifically the audio-visual industry do you consider to be the most urgent at both national and European level? What do you consider to be the most important strengths of these industries?

¹ [A New Strategic Agenda 2019 - 2024](#)

- Which actions and policy measures should the EU take as a matter of priority to strengthen its global competitiveness in a sustainable way in the field of audio-visual content creation and distribution?

Conclusions on combatting corruption in sport

Ministers of sport are expected to adopt conclusions on combatting corruption in sport ([13349/19](#) + [COR 1](#)).

The fight against corruption in sport is a priority for the Finnish presidency of the Council. The conclusions' main aim is to suggest how the EU and its member states, and the sport movement can contribute to achieve integrity and fairness in sport. They recognise that while corruption in sport is not a new phenomenon, there is no overall EU approach to anti-corruption measures in sport.

Even though the fight against corruption in sport is not mentioned in the EU Treaties, corruption is recognised in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) as one of the 'areas of particularly serious crimes with a cross-border dimension'. Furthermore, the TFEU states that the EU 's action is aimed at 'developing the European dimension in sport, by promoting fairness and openness in sporting competitions'.

In this context, the conclusions invite member states to ensure that appropriate legislative and law enforcement measures are put in place and that whistle-blowers are well protected. The Commission is invited to use sports-related funding parts of programs such as Erasmus+ to promote the fight against corruption in sport. The sport movement is encouraged to be more active in the prevention and fight against corruption and to collaborate with law enforcement authorities.

Conclusions on safeguarding children in sport

Ministers are also expected to adopt conclusions on safeguarding children in sport ([13351/1/19](#)).

The promotion of sport among children and young people, and the provision of a secure sports environment are among the key priorities of the Finnish presidency. In general, it is widely recognised that physical activity contributes to employability and better economic performance in the long term. Already in 2012, the Council adopted conclusions on health-enhancing physical activity¹, followed by the adoption of a recommendation on promoting health enhancing physical activity across sectors² in 2013.

¹ [15871/12](#)

² [15575/13](#)

In spite of all the work in this field, a common approach for safeguarding children in sport is missing. The conclusions which will be presented to ministers for adoption cover both protection of children as well as the promotion of children's wellbeing. The document identifies number of measures and initiatives which can be undertaken or further developed to ensure that children in sport are protected from physical and emotional harm, abuse or neglect. Member states, the Commission and sport organisations are invited to actively participate in the design of such measures and initiatives and to further cooperate among each other.

Promoting good governance in sport - public debate

Ministers will hold a public debate on good governance in sport based on a presidency discussion paper ([13355/19](#)). They will be joined by a guest speaker - **Witold Banka**, President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and former Sports Minister of Poland.

The issue of good governance in sport has been in the spotlight for many years now. Due to increasing commercialisation, growing sponsorship and merchandising, and the rise of media interest, including through social media, sport has evolved dramatically. Millions of people show interest to participate in different sports activities. This has led to more regulation both at national and international level, and to more verification measures in the area of public funding of sports bodies.

At the same time sport has been facing serious challenges, such as match-fixing, illegal betting and corruption, which are affecting not only the sports community, but society as a whole. It is widely recognised that in order to achieve good governance, sports organisations need to cooperate with national and international bodies and law enforcement agencies. This will allow them to more effectively tackle different illegal activities in the area of sport.

In this context, the presidency has proposed to ministers to exchange views on two questions:

- How can public authorities and the sports movement cooperate at EU and Member State level in order to boost and foster good governance in sport?
- What benefits can cooperation at EU level bring in terms of promoting good governance in sport?

Conclusions on digital youth work

Ministers are expected to adopt conclusions on digital youth work ([12681/19](#) + [COR 1](#)). The main aim of these conclusions is to contribute to overcome the digital gap among young people. The conclusions identify a series of measures to make better use of digital technologies in the area of youth work and to help youth workers in their activities. Member states and the Commission are invited to undertake and apply these measures.

Youth work includes various social, cultural, educational and sports-related activities carried out with, by and for young people outside the formal educational system. The activities are managed by professional or voluntary youth workers and youth leaders. The value of these activities has been recognised in the Council conclusions on youth work¹. Further to that, in 2017 the Council adopted conclusions on smart youth work², stressing the importance of using digital technologies in work with young people.

Conclusions on education and training of youth workers

Ministers will also adopt conclusions on education and training of youth workers ([13595/1/19](#)). The conclusions recognise that education and training of youth workers should be adapted to meet the particular needs and conditions in individual member states. At the same time, they stress that there is a shared understanding as regards the educational and training needs of youth workers in the EU. The text invites the Commission and member states to further explore how to improve the current youth work education and training systems in Europe.

The conclusions take into account the Resolution on the European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027 adopted by the Council in 2019³. It invites the member states and the Commission to support the development of quality youth work at local, regional, national and European level, including training for youth workers.

¹ [Council conclusions on the contribution of quality youth work to the development, well-being and social inclusion of young people](#)

² [Council conclusions on smart youth work](#)

³ [Resolution on the European Union Youth Strategy 2019 - 2027](#)

A vision for youth work in Europe – climate change, young people and youth work - public debate

Ministers will hold a debate on how youth work can integrate the current main concerns of young people, in particular climate change. The discussion paper ([13398/19](#)), prepared by the presidency, highlights that youth work should respond to the climate concerns of the young and could encourage them to become interested in environmental thinking. It also stresses that youth workers should be able to talk about climate change.

To structure the discussion, ministers will be invited to provide answers to the following three questions:

- How can we strengthen the capacity of youth work to respond to emerging challenges faced by young people in the context of climate change?
- How can youth work support young people in their climate activism and in building a sustainable future?
- Climate change is a cross-sectoral challenge. How can the youth sector act as a partner in cross-sectoral cooperation?

Any other business (21/11/2019)

1. Estonia will provide information about the nomination of Tartu for the European Capital of Culture 2024 ([13557/19](#))
2. Austria will inform ministers about the selection of the European Capital of Culture 2024 at national level ([14094/19](#))
3. The Bulgarian delegation will provide information about the return of archaeological objects to Bulgaria as a good practice on the protection and preservation of cultural heritage ([13945/1/19](#))
4. France will intervene on the subject of related rights of publishers and press agencies in the digital age ([13740/19](#))
5. The Italian delegation will present an information note entitled: 'Strengthening the role of culture for the future of Europe requires the word "culture" spelled out in Commissioner designate Gabriel's portfolio' ([13921/19](#))
6. The EU member states' representative of the incumbent Trio Presidency in the WADA Foundation Board will brief ministers about WADA meetings: Executive Committee, Fifth World Conference on Doping in Sport and Foundation Board, held in Katowice, Poland on 4-7 November 2019 ([13853/19](#))
7. The incoming Croatian presidency will present its work programme in the area of culture and sport.

Any other business (22/11/2019)

1. The Portuguese delegation will provide information on the conclusions of the World Conference of ministers responsible for Youth 2019 and Youth Forum, "Lisboa+21" – Lisbon, 22 and 23 June 2019 ([13734/19](#))
 2. Lithuania will brief ministers on the 4th Eastern Partnership Youth Forum (EaP) marking the 10th anniversary of the Eastern Partnership in the field of Youth (Vilnius, Lithuania, 19 June 2019) ([13950/19](#))
 3. The incoming Croatian presidency will present its work programme in the area of youth.
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