

Procedure file

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06/11/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0562	Summary
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Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
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Additional information

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Community audiovisual policy: participation of Hungary in the MEDIA II programme

OBJECTIVE: opening of the MEDIA II programme to Hungary. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a decision deals with the conditions and arrangements for the participation by this country in the Community MEDIA II programme of training for professionals in the audiovisual industry. By virtue of this draft decision Hungary will: - participate in all actions of MEDIA II under the same conditions for submission and selection of applications as apply to the Member States; - set up or make available national structures and mechanisms in order to implement its participation (in particular through the establishment of a MEDIA desk); - make a financial contribution to the Community's budget for its participation and covering the financial support to Hungarian participants, financial support for the operation of the MEDIA desk and the supplementary administrative costs related to the management of this programme by the Commission. Hungary's contribution is set at ECU 649 992 per year from 1998 (until 2000). However, Hungary is authorized to use part of its allocation of Phare resources to supplement the contribution from its national budget (up to 50% of the total contribution); - be associated with the monitoring of its participation in the programme in order to enable it to prepare for the Community decision-making process with a view to accession. The MEDIA II programme would be open to this country from 1998 to 31 December 2000. ?

Community audiovisual policy: participation of Hungary in the MEDIA II programme

By adopting the report of Mrs. Odile Leperre-Verrier (ERA, F) the Committee agrees that Hungary is now ready to join the MEDIA II programme. The Culture Committee had delayed adopting Mrs Leperre-Verrier's report for eight months while it waited for Hungary to bring its national laws on the media more closely into line with Community legislation in preparation for accession. The rapporteur welcomes the progress made by the new Hungarian government but stipulates that its inclusion in MEDIA II must depend on further reforms defining the status of broadcasting organisations and guaranteeing the programming of European works. She feels Hungary, which will be the first of the CEECs to take part in the MEDIA II programme providing training for professionals in the audiovisual industry, will benefit greatly from EU support. ?

Community audiovisual policy: participation of Hungary in the MEDIA II programme

In adopting its report drafted by Ms. Odile LEPPERRE-VERRIER (ARE, F), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a Decision on the participation of Hungary in a Community programme within the framework of Community audio-visual policy. The Parliament stresses the need to encourage Hungary which has ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Transfrontier Television to continue applying to all enterprises in the audiovisual sector legislation which accords with European provisions. Hungary shall participate in any action under the Media II programme, subject to the following conditions : - adoption of a timetable for the adjustment of Hungarian legislation to European provisions and for the adoption of the *acquis communautaire* in the audiovisual field, particularly as regards the following aspects : definition of the status of broadcasting organisations programming of European works. ?

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The Directorates General or responsible departments have asked for this proposal to be withdrawn. The reasons are indicated as follows: A) for objective reasons (change of de facto situation, objectives already achieved by other means, etc) B) because the Commission has now adopted another approach : - the proposal is replaced implicitly, - a new proposal is in preparation, - no planned replacement. ?