

# Procedure file

| Basic information  |                                       |
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| COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)<br>Decision   | 2003/0064(COD)<br>Procedure completed |
| Training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (MEDIA-Training): extension until 2006<br>Amending Decision No 163/2001/EC | <a href="#">1999/0275(COD)</a>        |
| Subject<br>3.30.01.02 Programmes and actions in audiovisual sector   |                                       |

| Key players                   |  |   |            |  |
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| European Parliament           | Committee responsible                                  | Rapporteur                                    | Appointed  |  |
|                               | <b>CULT</b> Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport |   | 19/05/2003 |  |
|                               |  | PSE <a href="#">VATTIMO Gianni</a>            |            |  |
|                               | Committee for opinion                                  | Rapporteur for opinion                        | Appointed  |  |
|                               | <b>BUDG</b> Budgets                                    |   |            |  |
|                               | <b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs and Internal Market          | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |            |  |
|                               | <b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |            |  |
|                               | <b>EMPL</b> Employment and Social Affairs              | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |            |  |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration                                  | Meeting                                       | Date       |  |
|                               | <a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>              | <a href="#">2578</a>                          | 26/04/2004 |  |
|                               | <a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>    | <a href="#">2545</a>                          | 24/11/2003 |  |
|                               | <a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>    | <a href="#">2503</a>                          | 05/05/2003 |  |
| European Commission           | Commission DG  | Commissioner                                  |            |  |
|                               | <a href="#">Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</a>    |   |            |  |

| Key events |   |                               |         |
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| 16/04/2003 | Legislative proposal published                          | <a href="#">COM(2003)0188</a> | Summary |
| 05/05/2003 | Debate in Council                                       | <a href="#">2503</a>          |         |
| 12/05/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading |                               |         |
| 24/11/2003 | Debate in Council                                       | <a href="#">2545</a>          | Summary |
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| 27/01/2004 | Vote in committee, 1st reading                        |                               | Summary |
| 27/01/2004 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading      | <a href="#">A5-0027/2004</a>  |         |
| 12/02/2004 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading                   | <a href="#">T5-0090/2004</a>  | Summary |
| 12/03/2004 | Modified legislative proposal published               | <a href="#">COM(2004)0176</a> | Summary |
| 26/04/2004 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading |                               |         |
| 29/04/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament                        |                               |         |
| 30/04/2004 | Final act signed                                      |                               |         |
| 30/04/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal               |                               |         |

### Technical information

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| Procedure reference        | 2003/0064(COD)  |
| Procedure type             | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)  |
| Procedure subtype          | Legislation   |
| Legislative instrument     | Decision  |
|                            | Amending Decision No 163/2001/EC <a href="#">1999/0275(COD)</a> |
| Legal basis                | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 150                              |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed   |

### Documentation gateway

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|---|---|------------|------|---------|
| Legislative proposal  | <a href="#">COM(2003)0188</a>   | 16/04/2003 | EC   | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report                  | <a href="#">CES1163/2003</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 010 14.01.2004, p. 0008-0010</a> | 24/09/2003 | ESC  |         |
| Committee of the Regions: opinion                               | <a href="#">CDR0166/2003</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 023 27.01.2004, p. 0024-0024</a> | 09/10/2003 | CofR |         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | <a href="#">A5-0027/2004</a>  | 27/01/2004 | EP   |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          | <a href="#">T5-0090/2004</a><br>OJ C 097 22.04.2004, p. 0575-0601 E               | 12/02/2004 | EP   | Summary |
| Modified legislative proposal                                   | <a href="#">COM(2004)0176</a>   | 12/03/2004 | EC   | Summary |
| Follow-up document  | <a href="#">COM(2008)0245</a>   | 08/05/2008 | EC   | Summary |

### Additional information

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| European Commission | <a href="#">EUR-Lex</a> |
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### Final act

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| <a href="#">Decision 2004/845</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 195 02.06.2004, p. 0001-0001</a> Summary |
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## Training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (MEDIA-Training): extension until 2006

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PURPOSE : to amend Decision 163/2001/EC and extend the MEDIA-Training Programme to 2006. CONTENT : the MEDIA Training programme was adopted by Decision 163/2001/EC to run from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005, with a budget of EUR 50 million. The MEDIA-Training programme is intended to give professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry, mainly through continuous vocational training, the necessary skills to allow them to take full advantage of the European and international dimension of the market and of the use of new technologies. The programme has now existed since 1991. During this period, the programme has supported numerous projects, which have had a positive impact on employment within the European audiovisual sector, imparting professional skills to allow professionals to benefit fully from the European and international dimension of the market for audiovisual programmes. This programme comes to an end at a time when there will be major changes for the future structure and functioning of the EU. These include enlargement, the Intergovernmental Conference based on the Convention for the future of Europe, the European Parliament elections and the appointment of a new European Commission. It is clear that the European audiovisual sector will also be affected by these changes, but it is not possible at the current time to predict accurately the extent of shape of these future modifications. Despite this situation, it is essential to ensure continuity of Community support for the sector, and to avoid any disruption of these mechanisms in support of Community objectives laid down in the Treaty. In addition, such actions involve a large number of professionals from the European audiovisual sector. In view of these circumstances, the European Commission proposes that the existing programme should be prolonged unchanged for 2006. It is necessary to assure a legal basis to enable the programme to be prolonged by one year. At the same time, the Commission will continue to explore all existing possibilities for action in this field, through preparatory actions, such as the i2i Audiovisual "growth and audiovisual" action, and through studies to establish which forms of training are needed for the sector. The European Commission intends to present a proposal for the establishment of a new European Community programme for support of the European audio-visual sector, before the end of 2003. This programme would begin in 2007. The Commission therefore proposes: - to prolong MEDIA-Training for 2006; - to adjust the overall budget of the MEDIA Training programme as prolonged to EUR 57.40 million.?

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The Council held an exchange of views on the basis of the Commission's mid-term evaluation of the MEDIA Plus and MEDIA Training audiovisual programmes (2001-2005) and on the basis of a Presidency document. That document noted the lack of coherence between the different audiovisual policies and the serious consequences for this sector, as competition from third countries in Europe resulted to a considerable extent from the lack of investment by the industry in the distribution, exploitation and development of works. The European industry was in some disarray faced with the multiplication of audiovisual services brought about by the introduction of digital technologies. The Presidency submitted three topics for discussion by the Council: - integration of the new Member States into the mainstream actions of the MEDIA programme (training, development, distribution): the acceding States, supported by a majority of Member States, wanted positive discrimination in favour of the future Member States, in the form of more flexible eligibility criteria for funding audiovisual programmes, particularly in the field of training, and preferential transitional measures for the acceding States; - incorporation of digital technology in MEDIA actions through the development of the current pilot projects: the majority of Member States noted the importance of digital technology in the audiovisual sector and the speed at which it was developing; - access to finance by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the audiovisual sector in partnership with the European Investment Bank; a majority of Member States noted how difficult it was for SMEs to gain access to this sector, emphasising the precarious nature of their financial situation, which frequently depended on the success of a single project. Commissioner Reding said she would be presenting a proposal for a "new generation" Decision for in the first quarter of 2004 which would cover regulatory aspects and support policies for the audiovisual sector for the period 2007-2013 (MEDIA). She emphasised the importance of this instrument in the past, noting that in recent years 90% of films distributed outside their country of origin had received MEDIA support. Two proposals for Decisions extending the current MEDIA Plus programme for a further year (2006) are currently being considered by the Council and the European Parliament.?

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The committee adopted the report by Gianni VATTIMO (PES, I) approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to an amendment calling for the budget for the MEDIA Training Programme to be increased by a further EUR 2 million, in line with the revised Financial Perspective for enlargement. The committee also called for the Commission to provide a full and detailed assessment report on the MEDIA Training Programme no later than 31 December 2005, in time for Parliament to consider the proposal for a new MEDIA Training Programme planned to start in 2007.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Gianni VATTIMO (PES, I) approving the Commission's proposal subject to two amendments. (Please see the document dated 27/01/04.) ?

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The European Parliament proposed two amendments. The first, requires the Commission to provide a full and detailed assessment report on the "Media Training" programme no later than 31/12/2005 to allow the European Parliament and Council to consider the proposal for a new programme of action in the audiovisual sector which is earmarked to begin in 2007. The second amendment modifies the original funding proposal from EUR 57.4 million to EUR 59.4 million. The additional amount of EUR 2 million takes account of the EU's enlargement for 2004/05. The European Commission accepts both Parliamentary amendments in their entirety and has amended its initial proposal accordingly.?

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PURPOSE : to extend the MEDIA Training Programme (2001-2005). LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision 845/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 163/2001/EC. CONTENT : the Council adopted two European Parliament and Council Decisions which aim to extend the current MEDIA Training and MEDIA Plus programmes until 2006. The MEDIA Training programme is a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry. The Decision stipulates that the Commission should provide a full and detailed assessment report on the MEDIA-Training Programme not later than 31 December 2005, in time for the legislative authority to be able to consider the proposal for a new MEDIA-Training Programme planned to start in 2007, and so that the budgetary authority can evaluate the need for a new financial framework. The financial framework is set at EUR 59,4 million in order to take account of the enlargement of the European Union. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 30/04/2004.?