



# Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">2009/2570(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on the role of culture in the development of European regions		
Subject		
4.45 Common cultural area, cultural diversity		
4.70 Regional policy		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
26/03/2009	Debate in Parliament		Summary
02/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0214/2009</a>	Summary
02/04/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2570(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		<a href="#">B6-0226/2009</a>	23/03/2009	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B6-0166/2009</a>	02/04/2009	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B6-0167/2009</a>	02/04/2009	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B6-0168/2009</a>	02/04/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T6-0214/2009</a>	02/04/2009	EP	Summary
Joint motion for resolution		<a href="#">RC-B6-0166/2009</a>	02/04/2009		
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2009)3508</a>	13/10/2009	EC	

## Resolution on the role of culture in the development of European regions

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The House held a debate on Oral Question [O-0064/2009](#) to the Commission on the role of culture in the development of European regions.

A motion for a resolution closing this debate was due to be put to the vote at the next part-session.

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Following the debate which took place during the sitting of 26 March 2009, the European Parliament adopted by 546 votes to 29 with 32 abstentions a resolution on the role of culture in the development of European regions. The resolution had been tabled by the EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, UEN, Green/ALE and GUE/NGL groups.

Parliament notes that the cultural soul of Europe is becoming increasingly important as a means of bringing European citizens together in a manner which respects differing cultural and linguistic identities. The cultures of Europe are strategic factors in Europe's development at local, regional and national levels, as well as at the level of its central European institutions. Members note that cultural projects based on civil-society initiatives appear to be effective in strengthening and developing the regions. Regional conferences are an excellent way for civil society to put forward their projects and proposals, exchange best practices and conduct dialogue between responsible parties.

Accordingly, Parliament stresses that regional and local development strategies that incorporate culture, creativity and the arts contribute greatly to improving quality of life in European regions and cities by fostering cultural diversity, democracy, participation and intercultural dialogue. It calls on the Commission to present a Green Paper with a possible range of measures for contemporary cultural activities aimed at strengthening cultural development in European regions. It also calls on the Commission, together with regional authorities and local civil society, to support regional conferences.

Parliament emphasises the need for action and awareness campaigns about the role of cultural projects for regional development, and calls on the parties concerned to work towards speedy and efficient implementation of such projects.

Lastly, it expects the Commission to present to Parliament the study on the influence of culture at regional and local levels, together with the conclusions and actions which the Commission intends to draw from it.