



Analytical examination of the acquis
Chapter 26 – Education and Culture
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Cultural diversity within the European Union

- ▶ Double dimension of the European cultural identity :
 - > diversity
 - > shared values
- ▶ Recently, the cultural, social and linguistic diversity of the Union has increased with the accession of 10 new Member States on 1 May 2004
- ▶ The European Union is committed to preserving and promoting such diversity



Cultural diversity within the European Union

- ▶ Motto of the European Union: « United in diversity »
- ▶ Article 151 § 4 TEC :
 - > *The Community shall take cultural aspects into account in its action under other provisions of this Treaty, in particular in order to respect and to promote the diversity of its cultures*
- ▶ Article 22 § 3 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights :
 - > *The Union shall respect cultural, religious and linguistic diversity*



Cultural diversity within the European Union

- ▶ Illustration of this principle in EC internal policies :
 - > Industrial policy
 - > Internal market policy
 - > Competition policy



External dimension of cultural policy

► Trade policy and WTO

- > Maintain our capacity to implement and develop policies aiming at preserving and promoting cultural diversity
- > Aligement with the EC external acquis, including in bilateral trade or investment agreements



► UNESCO

- > The EU has strongly supported the Convention on cultural diversity which was adopted last week
- > Thanks to Turkey and Croatia for their support during the negotiations
- > The EU intends to launch the ratification process in a few weeks for rapid implementation of the Convention
 - > The Convention will therefore become part of the Community acquis
- > What is the position of Turkey and Croatia as to their intention in terms of ratification of the UNESCO Convention?



External dimension of cultural cooperation

- ▶ The cultural action of the EU has a strong international dimension
- ▶ Article 151 § 3 TEC :
 - > *The Community and the Member States shall foster cooperation with third countries and the competent international organisations in the sphere of culture*
- ▶ With third countries: ACP and MED region, NNP
- ▶ With international organisations: such as UNESCO and the **Council of Europe**
 - > The EU has developed cooperation in particular in the framework of culture



Thank you for your attention !

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