

DECISION No 1352/2008/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 16 December 2008
amending Decision No 1855/2006/EC establishing the Culture Programme (2007 to 2013)
(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

advisory procedure and to the European Parliament's right of scrutiny.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 151(5), first indent, thereof,

(4) Yet these selection decisions mainly concern projects of limited duration whose life cycle is incompatible with lengthy decision-making procedures and do not involve politically sensitive decision making.

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

(5) These procedural requirements add two to three months to the process of awarding grants to applicants. They cause many delays for recipients, place a disproportionate burden on the programme's administration and provide no added value given the nature of the grants awarded.

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions,

(6) In order to allow selection decisions to be implemented more quickly and efficiently, it is necessary to replace the advisory procedure with an obligation on the Commission to inform the European Parliament and the Member States without delay about any measures taken for the implementation of Decision No 1855/2006/EC without the assistance of a committee,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Decision No 1855/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 ⁽²⁾ established the Culture programme for the period 2007 to 2013.

Article 1

Decision No 1855/2006/EC is amended as follows:

(2) Article 8(3) of Decision No 1855/2006/EC stipulates that measures necessary for the implementation of the programme other than those listed in paragraph 2 are to be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 9(3) of that Decision, namely in accordance with the advisory procedure established by Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission ⁽³⁾.

1. Article 8(3) shall be replaced by the following:

'3. The Commission shall inform the Committee referred to in Article 9 and the European Parliament of all other selection decisions it has taken for the implementation of this Decision within two working days of the adoption of the decisions in question. This information shall include descriptions and an analysis of the applications received, a description of the assessment and selection procedure, and lists of both the projects proposed for funding and those rejected.'

(3) This wording of Decision No 1855/2006/EC results in particular in selection decisions other than those referred to in Article 8(2) of that Decision being subject to the

2. Article 9(3) shall be deleted.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 2 September 2008 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 20 November 2008.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 372, 27.12.2006, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

Article 2

The Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the impact of this Decision by 25 June 2010.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Strasbourg, 16 December 2008.

For the European Parliament

The President

H.-G. PÖTTERING

For the Council

The President

B. LE MAIRE
