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# Identities and diversity within intercultural societies

Parliamentary Assembly

1.      The Parliamentary Assembly, referring to its Resolution 2005 (2014) on identities and diversity within intercultural societies, reaffirms the need to preserve democratic stability in Europe by cultivating open, vibrant, culturally diverse and cohesive societies.

2.      In this respect, the Assembly fully supports the Council of Europe intergovernmental work on developing a "soft power" policy and information tools to assist member States in shaping new intercultural processes, mechanisms and relationships that are needed to address the compelling diversity challenges in Europe and, on a wider scale, in the neighbouring regions. It particularly values the implementation of the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights (2010), the activities of the Intercultural Cities Network and the ongoing "Media in Europe for Diversity Inclusiveness" Programme (Mediane).

3.      Accordingly, the Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

3.1.      encourage integrated activities between different sectors of the Council of Europe to develop innovative approaches to diversity management and, in this framework, hold with different stakeholders in the member States "thematic" biennial platforms to discuss and advance policy orientations and exchange best practices; and in support to this process:

3.1.1.      review existing Council of Europe action on diversity with a view to engaging in long-term activities to promote respect for cultural diversity through development of policy guidance and tools, which address both national policies and specific urban intercultural strategies;

3.1.2.      seek better co-ordination between the existing monitoring and information data base systems (the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe, HEREIN and the European Audiovisual Observatory) with a view to establishing a comprehensive research and monitoring approach; and use the available tools to develop an "early warning system" to help avoid culture-related conflicts and to address topical issues;

3.1.3.      seek synergy with the European Union to support regional initiatives promoting the intercultural agenda in northern, western, eastern and southern Europe, to address regional specificities, to strengthen transnational co-operation and to help develop tailored intercultural strategies and pilot projects.

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