



Recommendation 35 (1950)¹

Aid for cultural organisations

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Recommends that the support of the Council of Europe be given to private international organisations the object of which is to promote European culture. This support may take the form of simple patronage if such is required ; it may be extended to include financial aid if an appropriate sum is subsequently included in the budget of the Council of Europe ; it may also take such other form as circumstances may warrant.

In this connection the Assembly believes that it is its duty to emphasise to the Committee of Ministers the need for the Council of Europe to enjoy sufficient funds in order to be in a position to defray the cost of implementing those recommendations adopted.

In the meantime, where formal patronage is granted by the Council of Europe, the fact should be considered by Member States so that each might give its financial support to organisations under patronage.

Draft Procedure

1. A request would be received by the Assembly either through one of its Representatives or through the Secretariat.
2. The Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions would examine the request confidentially.
3. The proposal put forward by the Committee would be transmitted through the Bureau of the Assembly to the Standing Committee.
4. If the proposal were to be accepted by the Standing Committee, the Bureau of the Assembly would submit it to the latter as a draft Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers.
5. If the proposal were rejected by the Standing Committee, it would be referred back to the Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the purpose of a fresh discussion.
 - a. If the proposal were withdrawn, no further action would be taken.
 - b. If, however, the proposal were to be re-endorsed, it would be submitted to the Committee of Ministers, with whom the ultimate decision would lie.
6. The institutions to which formal patronage had been granted would periodically inform the Secretariat-General of the development of their activities and the results obtained.

The Council of Europe would reserve the right to withdraw its formal patronage at any time if it deemed such a measure necessary.

1. Adopted 24th August 1950, at the conclusion of the Debate on the Report from the Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions.

