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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 Education (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, within this framework, hold “thematic” biennial platforms with different stakeholders in the member States to promote innovative policy orientations and exchange best practices; and in support of 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 database systems (the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe, the Observatory on Policies and Values of the European Heritage (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.

1. *Assembly debate* on 25 June 2014 (24th Sitting) (see [Doc. 13522](#), report of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, rapporteur: Mr Carlos Costa Neves). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 25 June 2014 (24th Sitting).

