

EUROPEAN PROPOSALS OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

Date of deposit	Title	Summary
07/01/04	Second evaluation report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the application of the Council Recommendation of 24 September 1998 concerning the protection of minors and human dignity	<p>This document is a second evaluation report on the a Council Recommendation aimed at achieving comparable national frameworks for the protection of children and human dignity in audiovisual and information services industry.</p> <p>The report notes that the development of digital media: the Internet, digital broadcasting and video games still constitutes a major challenge for the European Union's audiovisual policy, particularly in relation to the protection of children. The report provides details about the regulatory system in place in Members States and Accession Countries.</p> <p>The Commission intends to follow up this report, and other consultations in this field, by proposing an update of the Recommendation during the first half of 2004. This may cover issues like media literacy, the right of reply, and measures against discrimination or incitement to hatred on the grounds of race, sex or nationality in all online media.</p> <p>Action: The Committee may wish to look consider the revised draft recommendation when it is published.</p>

<p>12/01/04</p>	<p>Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions establishing the guidelines for the second round of the Community Initiative EQUAL concerning transnational cooperation to promote new means of combating all forms of discrimination and inequalities in connection with the labour market - "Free movement of good ideas"</p>	<p>This document reports on the initial results of the first round of EQUAL funding and then sets out the scope and aims of the second round.</p> <p>EQUAL forms part of the European Union strategy to create more and better jobs and to make sure that no one is denied access to these jobs. EQUAL aims to find new ways of achieving the policy objectives of the European Employment Strategy and Social Inclusion Process and to tackle discrimination and inequality in the labour market.</p> <p>The report indicates that the principles and approach of EQUAL - partnership, working across Member States, mainstreaming, innovation and a thematic approach - have been effective in piloting holistic approaches to disadvantage and discrimination.</p> <p>The report also makes specific reference to supporting asylum seekers.</p> <p>The report contains the guidance that will apply to the second round of EQUAL funding.</p> <p>Action: To note for information</p>
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