

Motions and Declarations

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Name of the person introducing the Motion/Declaration to the GA	Carsten Leth Schmidt and Flemming Meyer
Member party	SP and SSW
Title (of the Motion/Declaration)	The EU should abolish geo-blocking for public broadcasting services
<p>Despite the EU directive on the cross-border provision of television and radio programmes, geo-blocking still exists in the EU. For example, the new provisions do not apply to live streams or media centres of public broadcasting services. They can make their programmes available to other countries in the EU, but are not required to do so. In fact, the programmes on offer are very limited.</p> <p>The European Free Alliance is calling for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the EU to abolish geo-blocking for public broadcasting services,2. EFA members in the EP to campaign actively for the abolition of geo-blocking. <p>Grounds:</p> <p>In the context of the Single Market, geo-blocking is anti-European. Digital barriers divide speech communities along national borders and block national and cultural minorities' access to their language and culture. The same applies to travellers and everyone who wants to learn a foreign language. Geo-blocking is an obstacle to cultural exchange and international understanding in Europe and limits the cultural and linguistic diversity of minorities. This is in direct violation of Article 11 in the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.</p>	

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Motion/Declaration number	4
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Name of the person introducing the Motion/Declaration to the GA	Flemming Meyer and Carsten Leth Schmidt
Member party	SSW and SP
Title (of the Motion/Declaration)	The EFA supports the application of the Danish-German border region as a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage
<p>The General Assembly of the European Free Alliance (EFA) supports the Danish-German application of Sydslesvigsk Forening (SSF) and Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger (BDN) – <i>“The Danish-German minority model – a framework safeguarding peaceful integration within a diverse region”</i>, so that the coexistence of majorities and minorities and the basic parameters for minority policy in Schleswig-Holstein/Germany and Denmark are recognised as a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage.</p> <p>Grounds:</p> <p>On 31.03.2020 the minority organisations SSF and BDN, together with Germany and Denmark, applied to UNESCO for the Danish-German minority model and the related parameters for minority policy on both sides of the border to be recognised as an intangible cultural heritage. The European party EFA, which represents 45 regional and minority parties from the EU, supports this application because the regulations on minorities in the Danish-German border region can act as inspiration for other regions.</p>	