

**DECISION No 846/2004/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL
of 29 April 2004**

amending Council Decision 2000/821/EC
on the implementation of a programme to encourage the development, distribution
and promotion of European audiovisual works
(MEDIA Plus – Development, Distribution and Promotion) (2001-2005)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 157(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ¹,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions ²,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ³,

¹ OJ C 10, 14.1.2004, p. 8.

² OJ C 23, 27.1.2004, p. 24.

³ Opinion of the European Parliament of 12 February 2004 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 26 April 2004.

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 2000/821/EC ¹ the Council established the MEDIA Plus programme, which encourages the development, distribution and promotion of European audiovisual works, to run from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) It is essential to ensure the continuity of Community policy for the support of the European audiovisual sector having regard to the objectives followed by the Community under Article 157 of the Treaty.
- (3) It is also essential that the Commission provide a full and detailed assessment report on the MEDIA Plus Programme not later than 31 December 2005, in time for the legislative authority to be able to consider the proposal for a new MEDIA Plus Programme planned to start in 2007, and so that the budgetary authority can evaluate the need for a new financial framework,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 336, 30.12.2000, p. 82.

Article 1

Decision 2000/821/EC is hereby amended as follows:

- 1) In Article 1(1), "31 December 2005" shall be replaced by "31 December 2006."
- 2) In Article 5(2), the reference amount of EUR 350 million shall be replaced by EUR 453,60 million, including the adjustment to take account of enlargement, following the revision of the financial perspective.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Strasbourg, 29.4.2004.

For the European Parliament
The President
P. COX

For the Council
The President
M. McDOWELL