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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION
of 6 May 2003
on the designation of the European Capital of Culture 2006

(2003/399/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Decision No 1419/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 establishing a Community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2005 to 2019 [1], and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Selection Panel report received by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 1 October 2002,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The City of Patras shall be designated as the European Capital of Culture 2006.

Article 2

The City of Patras shall take all necessary measures to ensure the effective implementation of Articles 1 and 5 of Decision No 1419/1999/EC.

Done at Brussels, 6 May 2003.

For the Council
The President
P. EFTHYMIOU

[1] OJ L 166, 1.7.1999, p. 1.