Annex 2:
Advisory Panel on Cultural Diversity

The Advisory Panel on Cultural Diversity was set up in June 2010 for the duration of the pilot phase of the Austrian Point of Contact, which terminated in late 2011. Following the evaluation of this pilot phase, the mandate of the Point of Contact as well as of the Advisory Panel was extended until the end of 2013.

The Advisory Panel guides the Point of Contact, facilitates the exchange of information between the concerned public bodies and decides on priorities and focus of activities. Consisting of representatives of the relevant ministries, the regional governments and independent experts, the Advisory Panel is responsible to compromise on binding decisions.

The Advisory Panel is chaired by Ludwig Laher.

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