

Motions and Declarations

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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>	