

Motions

Motion number	7
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Member party	SSW
Title (of the Motion)	No more Geoblocking

Despite the EU regulation for the cross-border provision of television and radio content, there is still geo-blocking in the EU, for example for live streams or the media libraries of public broadcasters. These can make their content available for other EU countries, but do not have to. In fact, the supply is very limited.

The European Free Alliance demands:

- 1. that the EU abolishes geo-blocking for public broadcasters,
- 2. that the EFA members of the EP continue to work actively for the abolition of geo-blocking and start appropriate initiatives.
- 3. that regional and minority languages are taken into account in the creation and development of new translation technologies.

Reason:

Against the background of the internal market, geo-blocking is non-European. Digital barriers divide language communities along national borders and prevent national and cultural minorities from accessing their language and culture. The same applies to travelers and anyone learning foreign languages. Geo-blocking prevents cultural exchange and international understanding in Europe, and limits the cultural and linguistic diversity of the minorities. This is a direct violation of Article 11 of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.