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Amendment 1
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Commission report of **1 April** 2015 on the European Citizens’ Initiative,

Amendment

– having regard to the Commission report of **31 March** 2015 on the European Citizens’ Initiative,

Or. de

Amendment 2
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the European Citizens’ Initiative is an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to achieve the best results;

Amendment

A. whereas it must be one of the priority objectives of the European Union to strengthen the democratic legitimacy of its institutions; whereas the European Citizens’ Initiative is an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to achieve the best results;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is ***an extraordinary*** and innovative ***tool of participatory democracy*** in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to achieve the best results;

Amendment

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is ***a unique*** and innovative ***agenda setting tool*** in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to achieve the best results;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to achieve the best results;

Amendment

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is ***a new political right for citizens and is*** an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and ***significantly*** enhanced in order to achieve the best results;

Or. pl

Amendment 5

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must ***absolutely*** be exploited ***in full*** and

order to achieve the best results;

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Or. it

Amendment 6
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to *achieve the best results*;

Amendment

A. whereas the European Citizens' Initiative is an extraordinary and innovative tool of participatory democracy in the European Union, whose potential must be exploited fully and enhanced in order to *encourage as many citizens of the Union as possible to participate in the further development of the European integration process*;

Or. de

Amendment 7
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas participatory democracy is strongly connected to ECI, as it allows citizens to be an active part in projects and decisional processes which concern them;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 8

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas Article 288 TFEU defines as legal acts not only regulations and directives, but also decisions, recommendations and opinions and that the appropriate proposals contained in an ECI may well include each of these acts, among which a proposal for the revision of the Treaties under Article 48.2 of the Treaty on European Union, or a proposal concerning the existence of a clear risk of a serious breach by a Member State of the principles recognized in article 2 TEU or the evidence of a serious and persistent infringement (Art. 7.1 and 7.2 TEU);

Or. en

Amendment 9

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas, three years on from the entry into application of Regulation 211/2011 on 1 April 2012, it is necessary to evaluate its implementation in order to identify any shortcomings and to propose viable solutions for its prompt review;

(does not affect English version)

Or. it

Amendment 10

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas, three years on from the entry into application of Regulation 211/2011 on 1 April 2012, it is necessary to evaluate its implementation in order to identify *any* shortcomings and to propose viable solutions for its prompt *review*;

Amendment

B. whereas, three years on from the entry into application of Regulation 211/2011 on 1 April 2012, it is necessary to *thoroughly* evaluate its implementation in order to identify shortcomings and to propose viable solutions for its prompt *revision*;

Or. de

Amendment 11
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the majority of organisers of European Citizens' Initiatives (ECIs) have encountered a number of difficulties in setting up an ECI, in relation to both practical and legal aspects, and whereas the organisers of several rejected ECIs have consequently submitted complaints to the Court of Justice against the Commission's decision, *as has emerged from extensive contact with civil society and from research on ECIs*;

Amendment

C. whereas the majority of organisers of European Citizens' Initiatives (ECIs) have encountered a number of difficulties in setting up an ECI, in relation to both practical and legal aspects, and whereas the organisers of several rejected ECIs have consequently submitted complaints to the Court of Justice *and the European Ombudsman* against the Commission's decision *not to register their ECIs*;

Or. de

Amendment 12
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas experience has highlighted the organisational and technical difficulties involved in launching a European Citizens' Initiative, and the rules must be designed to make them as accessible as possible to citizens and organisers;

Or. es

Amendment 13

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas European Parliament is the only directly elected body of the European Union. As such it represents, by definition, European citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Siôn Simon, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas a number of institutions, NGOs, think tanks and civil society groups have considered the various deficiencies in the organisation of ECIs and have proposed improvements;

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Amendment 15
Vicky Maeijer

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the EU has a particularly poor track record with regard to respecting the will of the people, in which connection reference may be made to the referendums in the Netherlands, France and Ireland, in which the electorates voted against the European Constitution, and to the fact that the elite ignored this result and subsequently introduced the Lisbon Treaty without a referendum;

Or. nl

Amendment 16
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas, during the European Year of Citizens, the associations and the civil society representatives expressed in many occasions what was necessary and urgent to be reformed in the Regulation 211/2011;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the practicalities set out in Article 6 of the Regulation, i.e. the setting up of the online collection system and its certification by a competent authority in a Member State, leaves the organizers in most cases less than 12 months to collect the required signatures;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas the submission of a successful initiative to the Commission after the signature collection period is over is not bound to a specific time limit and is thus a source for confusion and uncertainty both for the institutions and the public;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Vicky Maeijer

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. Considers, therefore, that the European Citizens' Initiative is a sham;

Amendment 20
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that the Citizens' Initiative is an exceptional opportunity for citizens to identify and articulate their aspirations and to ask for EU action, **and that it** must be encouraged, **improved** and supported; further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and that all activities connected with an ECI may therefore be undertaken in one's mother tongue;

Amendment

1. Stresses that the Citizens' Initiative is an exceptional opportunity for citizens to identify and articulate their aspirations and to ask for EU action. **However, at the same time recognises that there are significant deficits which need to be tackled and solved in order to make the ECI more effective. Therefore the ECI** must be encouraged, **simplified** and supported **in order to bring about practical improvements**; further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and that all activities connected with an ECI may therefore be undertaken in one's mother tongue;

Amendment 21
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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activities connected with an ECI may therefore be undertaken in one's mother tongue;

European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, is a civic right; further stresses that the possibility to use one's mother tongue encourages citizen participation; calls for the inclusion of the use of regional and minority languages in all the activities linked to an ECI;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Stresses that the Citizens' Initiative is an exceptional opportunity for citizens to identify and articulate their aspirations and to ask for EU action, and that it must be encouraged, improved and supported **by all available means**; further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and that all activities connected with an ECI may therefore be undertaken in one's mother tongue;

Or. it

Amendment 23
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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all further assessment of the instrument should be aimed at attaining its maximal user-friendliness, given that it is a primary means of linking the citizens of Europe to the EU; further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and that all activities connected with an ECI may therefore be undertaken in one's mother tongue;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

Does not affect the English version.

Or. de

Amendment 25
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Or. fr

Amendment 26
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Stresses that the Citizens' Initiative is an exceptional opportunity for citizens to identify and articulate their aspirations and to ask for EU action, and that it must be encouraged, improved and supported; ***calls on the EU to organise publicity and promotion campaigns to give the European Citizens' Initiative a higher profile in the media and among the public and to encourage active participation in it;*** further stresses that the use of one's mother tongue is a civic right, and that all activities connected with an ECI may therefore be undertaken in one's mother tongue;

Or. nl

Amendment 27
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Calls on the Commission to draw lessons from national experiences of genuinely

successful citizens' initiatives;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Further stresses that youth civic engagement is fundamental for the future of all democracies and proposes to lower the minimum age threshold for being entitled to support an ECI to 16 years;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Points out the importance of public awareness of the ECI in order to be an effective tool of democratic participation; regrets the low knowledge of this tool among European citizens; invites the Commission to run a media campaign to address this situation;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to provide as much guidance as possible – especially of a legal nature – to organisers of ECIs via the Europe Direct Contact Centre, so that they are aware of the possibilities open to them and will not fail by proposing an ECI that is outside the Commission's powers, *or else to assign the task of giving advice to another independent company or body so as to avoid a possible conflict of interest within the Commission itself; notes, however, that under the Treaty of Lisbon the issues raised by ECIs may not correspond entirely to the Commission's jurisdiction; takes the view, furthermore, that the Commission should consider setting up a dedicated ECI office in each Member State;*

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to provide as much guidance as possible – especially of a legal nature – to organisers of ECIs via the Europe Direct Contact Centre, so that they are aware of the possibilities open to them and will not fail by proposing an ECI that is outside the Commission's powers. *Encourages the Commission to assess whether less restrictive judgements on the legal admissibility of an ECI might be possible, thus supporting the engagement of citizens. The legal assessment of the Commission should be advisory in nature. The revision of the ECI should remove Art 4(2)(b) so that an ECI proposal only needs to be within the values of the Union and not abusive, frivolous or vexatious to be registered. Following the receipt of legal advice from the Commission and other sources that the organisers wish to use, the ECI organisers can decide whether to proceed with registration of their ECI.*

Or. en

Amendment 31
Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. it

Amendment 32 **Siôn Simon**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to provide ***as much guidance*** as possible – especially of a legal nature – to organisers of ECIs via the Europe Direct Contact Centre, so that they are aware of the possibilities open to them and will not fail by proposing an ECI that is outside the Commission's powers, or else to assign the task of giving advice to another independent company or body so as to avoid a possible conflict of interest within the Commission itself; notes, however, that under the Treaty of Lisbon the issues raised by ECIs may not correspond entirely to the Commission's jurisdiction; ***takes the view, furthermore, that the Commission should consider setting up a dedicated ECI office in each Member State;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to provide ***appropriate guidance as early*** as possible – especially of a legal nature – to organisers of ECIs via the Europe Direct Contact Centre, so that they are aware of the possibilities open to them and will not fail by proposing an ECI that is outside the Commission's powers, or else to assign the task of giving advice to another independent company or body so as to avoid a possible conflict of interest within the Commission itself; notes, however, that under the Treaty of Lisbon the issues raised by ECIs may not correspond entirely to the Commission's jurisdiction;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to provide **as much** guidance **as possible** – especially of a legal nature – to organisers of ECIs via the Europe Direct Contact Centre, so that they are aware of the possibilities open to them and will not fail by proposing an ECI that is outside the Commission’s powers, **or else to assign the task of giving advice to another independent company or body so as to avoid a possible conflict of interest within the Commission itself; notes, however, that under the Treaty of Lisbon the issues raised by ECIs may not correspond entirely to the Commission’s jurisdiction;** takes the view, furthermore, that the Commission should consider setting up a dedicated ECI office in each Member State;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to provide **comprehensive** guidance – especially of a legal nature – to organisers of ECIs via the Europe Direct Contact Centre, so that they are aware of the possibilities open to them and will not fail by proposing an ECI that is **manifestly** outside the Commission’s powers; takes the view, furthermore, that the Commission should consider setting up a dedicated ECI office **at its representations** in each Member State;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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does not comply with the legal admissibility criteria, or else to assign the task of giving advice to another independent company or body so as to avoid a possible conflict of interest within the Commission itself; notes, however, that under the Treaty of Lisbon the issues raised by ECIs may not correspond entirely to the Commission's jurisdiction; takes the view, furthermore, that the Commission should consider setting up a dedicated ECI office in each Member State;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 36
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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Or. es

Amendment 37
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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is outside the Commission's powers, or else to assign the task of giving advice to another independent company or body so as to avoid a possible conflict of interest within the Commission itself; notes, however, that under the Treaty of Lisbon the issues raised by ECIs may not correspond entirely to the Commission's jurisdiction; takes the view, furthermore, that the Commission should *instruct each of its permanent representations in the Member States to provide all the necessary information, advice and support for citizens' initiatives*;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Calls for the principle of material unity to be enshrined in the regulation to safeguard the wishes of citizens participating in an initiative, following the example set by similar legal systems;

Or. es

Amendment 39
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Calls for a budgetary and time restriction to be set (so that initiatives cannot be presented on recently adopted

legislation);

Or. es

Amendment 40

Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Stresses furthermore that a dedicated ECI office could also contribute to raising public and media awareness about the ECI; therefore invites the Commission to promote the ECI as an official EU instrument to achieve this goal; underlines that this measure might also lead to overcome citizen's distrust of sharing the personal data required to support a ECI;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Stresses the need to provide more detailed guidelines on the interpretation of legal bases and more information on data protection obligations in each Member State in which the organisers run their campaigns, and on the possibility for organisers to take out insurance;

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Or. it

Amendment 42
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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3. Stresses the need to provide more detailed guidelines on the interpretation of legal bases and more information on data protection obligations in each Member State in which the organisers run their campaigns, ***so as to provide them with legal security***, and on the possibility for organisers to take out insurance;

Or. es

Amendment 43
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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3. Stresses the need to provide more detailed guidelines on the interpretation of legal bases and more information on data protection obligations in each Member State in which the organisers run their campaigns, and on the possibility for organisers to take out insurance ***at a rate not excluding citizens because of financial reasons***;

Or. en

Amendment 44
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Further supports the active participation of EU citizens to use this instrument appropriately for agenda setting; notes however that transparency and accountability should be an objective for all stakeholders in order to preserve the clarity of citizens' activities;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Expresses its concerns with the potential conflict of interests within the fact that the Commission itself has the exclusive responsibility to carry out the initial legal check and asks for this situation to be addressed properly in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that, with a view to assessing whether the legal basis of an ECI submitted is correct, an independent figure should be established, along the

lines of the Hearing Officers used in competition proceedings;

Or. it

Amendment 47
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Regrets the reluctance of the Commission to declare admissible proposed citizens' initiatives where citizens manifest their opposition to the negotiation of an international agreement that will be the basis for a later legal act; encourages the Commission to assess whether less restrictive judgements on the legal admissibility of an ECI might be possible;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Calls on the Commission to allow ECIs that require treaty amendments according to Article 48 TFEU and to explicitly include this possibility in its proposal to revise Regulation 211/2011;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen, Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that under the terms of Article 4 of Regulation 211/2011, in the event of a refusal by the Commission to register an ECI, ‘the Commission shall inform the organisers of the reasons for such refusal and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them’; acknowledges, in this connection, the many complaints from organisers about not receiving detailed and exhaustive reasons for the rejection of their ECIs, **and** invites the Commission to ***provide as many elements as possible in order to*** explain the reasons **and guide organisers to a possible solution**;

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Or. de

Amendment 50

Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

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and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them'; acknowledges, in this connection, the many complaints from organisers about not receiving detailed and exhaustive reasons for the rejection of their ECIs, and invites the Commission to provide *all the* elements *substantiating its decision declaring an ECI inadmissible in order that the validity and complete objectivity of those elements can be subject to legal scrutiny* and *to* guide organisers to a possible solution;

Or. fr

Amendment 51 **György Schöpflin**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

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Or. en

Amendment 52
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Or. es

Amendment 53
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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receiving detailed and exhaustive reasons for the rejection of their ECIs, and invites the Commission to provide as many elements as possible in order to explain the reasons and guide organisers to a possible solution;

receiving detailed and exhaustive reasons for the rejection of their ECIs, and invites the Commission to provide as many elements as possible in order to explain the reasons and guide organisers to a possible solution; *such elements and reasons provided by the Commission must be sound, intelligible and transparent, in a manner to facilitate the promoters' work, if necessary, of redrafting and resubmitting their proposals.*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Invites the Commission to **consider the possibility of registering** only part of an initiative in the event that the entire ECI does not fall within the Commission's powers, and to give the organisers, at the time of registration, an indication as to which part they could register;

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission to **register** only part of an initiative in the event that the entire ECI does not fall within the Commission's powers, and to give the organisers, at the time of registration, an indication as to which part they could register;

Or. de

Amendment 55
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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powers, and to give the organisers, at the time of registration, an indication as to which part they could register; **and to inform the European Parliament about its decision concerning the registration;**

Or. en

Amendment 56

Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Invites the Commission to consider the possibility of registering only part of an initiative in the event that the entire ECI does not fall within the Commission's **powers**, and to give the organisers, at the time of registration, an indication as to which part they could register;

Amendment

5. Invites the Commission to consider the possibility of registering only part of an initiative in the event that the entire ECI does not fall within the **scope of** Commission's **competences**, and to give the organisers, at the time of registration, an indication as to which part they could register; **invites the Commission to explore ways to confer initiatives or those parts of initiatives that do not fall under the scope of Commission's competences to the competent authority, be it at national or regional level;**

Or. en

Amendment 57

Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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Recognising that dialogue and engagement with ECI organisers is essential throughout the process;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission also to register ECI proposals that require treaty amendment or ask the Commission to propose treaty amendment, because these ECI proposals would fall within the framework of the Commission's powers to propose treaty amendment in accordance with Art 48(2) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 59

Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis;

6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures, ***particularly for people with disabilities*** and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis ***using existing EU budgets;***

Amendment 60
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures, ***to make it accessible to people with disabilities*** and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis;

Amendment 61
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures ***and in particular to make it more accessible for people with disabilities***, and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis;

Amendment 62
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to improve the user-friendly character of its software for the online collection of signatures and to offer its servers for the storage of online signatures for free on a permanent basis ***and to modify the OCS so email addresses can be collected on a non-mandatory basis on the same screen as the support form, but stored in a separate database;***

Or. en

Amendment 63
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Points out the importance of technology as a tool to encourage citizens' participation; stresses that the collection of email addresses would permit ECI organisers to keep signatories informed of the progress of the ECI they sign; calls on the Commission, therefore, to modify the online collection system to allow the collection of email addresses and share this information with the organizers if citizens give their consent;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Siôn Simon, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Invites the Commission to reconsider the automatic start of the signature collection period following the registration of an ECI and to allow the organisers to decide when it should begin;

Amendment

7. Calls for an end to the automatic link between the registration of an ECI and the beginning of the 12-month period within which expressions of support can be collected, so that the organisers of an ECI themselves can decide when they wish to start to collect expressions of support;

Or. de

Amendment 65
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Invites the Commission to reconsider the automatic start of the signature collection period following the registration of an ECI and to allow the organisers to decide when it should begin;

Amendment

7. Invites the Commission to consider the possibility of registering only part of an initiative where an ECI does not fall entirely within the Commission's remit and inform the organisers at the time of registration which part may be registered, a maximum deadline of six months being stipulated;

Or. ro

Amendment 66
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7a. Calls on the Commission to introduce the necessary reforms to stop certain

Amendment

groups of citizens, such as those who are blind or living abroad, from being prevented from exercising their right to support citizens' initiatives, as such exclusion limits equality among citizens;

Or. es

Amendment 67

Charles Goerens, Sylvie Goulard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Invites the Commission to examine whether a specific time limit for the submission of a successful initiative that has gathered the required number of signatures could serve as a guideline to both, the organizers and the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Welcomes the European Economic and Social Committee's proposal to provide free translations of ECI texts so as to reduce the cost of organising an ECI, and invites it to set up the necessary operational framework;

8. **Warmly** welcomes the European Economic and Social Committee's proposal to provide free translations of ECI texts so as to reduce the cost of organising an ECI, and invites it to set up the necessary operational framework;

Or. it

Amendment 69
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to provide a refund to all members of committees which organise ECIs, to ensure they are able to attend hearings before Parliament;

Or. it

Amendment 70
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, **and** suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda;

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions; ***invites the Commission, therefore, to encourage Member States to reduce data requirements and to remove identification number requirements except for Member States that absolutely need them to verify signatures; further*** suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Siôn Simon, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and **suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda;**

Amendment

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and **calls for the introduction of a uniform procedure for making statements of support; urges the Member States, accordingly, to dispense with personal identification numbers as a requirement for making a statement of support, since they are not only a needless bureaucratic obstacle to the collection of statements of support, but are also not necessary in order to check the identity of a signatory;**

Or. de

Amendment 72
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda;

Amendment

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship, **and also suggests providing an interim solution until this EU digital citizenship is established, with a view to resolving the current problems caused by multiple registration;** calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda;

Amendment 73
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda;

Amendment

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda; ***points to the need to take action, in the meantime, by amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 in order to standardise the nature of the data collected in the Member States for statements of support;***

Or. it

Amendment 74
Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda; ***also***

encourages the Commission to further negotiate with Member States in order to achieve more user-friendly requirements, with regard to numbers and variety of personal data; reminds that an ECI is about participation and agenda-setting instead of binding proposals and that the requirements should accordingly be moderate and well-balanced; calls on the Commission to ask all Member States to remove identification number requirements, accepting for a transitional period the exclusions of the two countries that absolutely need them to verify signatures.

Or. en

Amendment 75
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. Deems it too complicated for organisers to provide different personal data in support of ECIs in the 28 Member States, as laid down in Regulation 211/2011 on the basis of the various national provisions, and suggests that consideration be given to establishing an EU digital citizenship; calls on the Commission, therefore, to explore this issue in its digital agenda *as a matter of urgency*;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Considers the possibility of recommending to the Member States that the age limit for participation be reduced from 18 years to 16;

Or. es

Amendment 77

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Siôn Simon, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls for the requirements for signatories under Article 3(4) to be amended and for the minimum age for supporting a citizens' initiative not to be tied to the right to vote in elections to the European Parliament, but, rather, to be uniformly set at 16 across the EU in order to give young people in particular the possibility of becoming actively involved in taking the European project forward;

Or. de

Amendment 78

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to ask Member States to lower the age of ECI support to 16, as it is currently legally realized in Austria.

Amendment 79

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Takes the view that participation in a citizens' initiative should not be restricted only to nationals of a Member State but that it should also include permanent residents who have been living in a Member State for more than five years;

Or. es

Amendment 80

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Acknowledges the delicate problem of organisers' personal liability with regard to data protection when collecting signatories' personal data, and proposes that the range of data required be reduced, ***or liability extended to volunteer campaigners, and that the wording of Article 13 of Regulation 211/2011, on liability, be changed to make it clear that personal liability is not unlimited; proposes, to this end, that inspiration be drawn from Article 3 of Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the protection of the environment through criminal law, with a view to establishing that organisers***

10. Acknowledges the delicate problem of organisers' personal liability with regard to data protection when collecting signatories' personal data, and proposes that the range of data required be reduced ***and the creation of a European legal status for the citizens' committee;***

*are responsible for acts which are
'unlawful and committed intentionally or
with at least serious negligence';*

Or. en

Amendment 81
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Acknowledges the delicate problem of organisers' personal liability with regard to data protection when collecting signatories' personal data, and proposes that the range of data required be reduced, ***or liability extended to volunteer campaigners***, and that the wording of Article 13 of Regulation 211/2011, on liability, be changed to make it clear that personal liability is not unlimited; proposes, to this end, that inspiration be drawn from Article 3 of Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the protection of the environment through criminal law, with a view to establishing that organisers are responsible for acts which are 'unlawful and committed intentionally or with at least serious negligence';

Amendment

10. Acknowledges the delicate problem of organisers' personal liability with regard to data protection when collecting signatories' personal data, and proposes that the range of data required be reduced and that the wording of Article 13 of Regulation 211/2011, on liability, be changed to make it clear that personal liability is not unlimited; proposes, to this end, ***that citizens' committees should be able to acquire legal personality and*** that inspiration be drawn from Article 3 of Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the protection of the environment through criminal law, with a view to establishing that organisers are responsible for acts which are 'unlawful and committed intentionally or with at least serious negligence';

Or. de

Amendment 82
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Acknowledges the delicate problem of organisers' personal liability with regard to data protection when collecting signatories' personal data, and proposes that the range of data required be reduced, ***or liability extended to volunteer campaigners***, and that the wording of Article 13 of Regulation 211/2011, on liability, be changed to make it clear that personal liability is not unlimited; proposes, to this end, that inspiration be drawn from Article 3 of Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the protection of the environment through criminal law, with a view to establishing that organisers are responsible for acts which are 'unlawful and committed intentionally or with at least serious negligence';

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Or. pl

Amendment 83
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Proposes that the period for Member States to certify the online collection system be extended to two months (instead of one month) and the collection period for statements of support for organisers to 18 months (instead of 12 months);

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 84
Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Proposes that the period for Member States to certify the online collection system be extended to **two** months (instead of one month) and the collection period for statements of support for organisers to 18 months (instead of 12 months);

Amendment

11. Proposes that the period for Member States to certify the online collection system be extended to **three** months (instead of one month) and the collection period for statements of support for organisers to 18 months (instead of 12 months);

Or. ro

Amendment 85
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 86
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 87
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

12. Encourages the Commission and the Member States to achieve more user-friendly and harmonised requirements in data collection;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to *allowing* its submission;

12. Encourages Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to *forwarding* its submission;

Amendment 89
Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Invites the Member States to *be flexible in their verification* when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States, in their verification, to *use non-formalistic criteria which keep the citizens' will alive* when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Or. it

Amendment 90
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States to be *more* flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Or. it

Amendment 91
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission; ***calls, in any event, on the competent national authorities to inform the national parliaments' European affairs committees on a periodic basis about ECIs in progress which have already gathered a significant number of signatures;***

Or. fr

Amendment 92

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission;

Amendment

12. Invites the Member States to be flexible in their verification when they receive statements of support for an ECI which are just above the threshold of 1 million signatures, with a view to allowing its submission; ***calls on the Member States to simplify and unify their respective procedures; urges the Commission to propose a revision of the Regulation 211/2011 aiming at to guarantee citizens to sign an ECI in their country of residence too.***

Or. en

Amendment 93

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to consider incorporating an additional administrative channel into Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 for initiatives that have been rejected because they fall outside the Commission's remit but which could be dealt with using other policy instruments, given their public interest, such as recommendations to the Member States, opinions, etc., with the aim of avoiding the failure of worthwhile citizens' initiatives and thereby strengthening citizens' democratic involvement;

Or. es

Amendment 94
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, ***including a parliamentary debate in plenary followed by a vote on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;***

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI; ***urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their submission; in case the Commission fails to provide a legislative proposal within this period, the competent committee of the European Parliament will initiate a legislative-initiative report for which the selected rapporteur shall consult the ECI organisers in another hearing; calls on the European Parliament to modify its rules of procedure accordingly;***

Amendment 95
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 *to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary followed by a vote on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing* a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 *to eliminate the practice of arbitrarily deciding not to accept ECIs and make it possible for successful ECIs to be followed through; emphasises that preparations for* a legal act on successful ECIs *must necessarily be underway* within 12 months of their acceptance;

Or. pl

Amendment 96
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Calls on* the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow *proper follow-up* to a *successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary* followed by a vote *on the ECI*; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

Amendment

13. *Urges* the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow *all initiatives which have reached the threshold of 1 million signatures from at least one-quarter of the Member States to be effectively and efficiently followed up, in particular by forwarding them to the national parliaments for an opinion and then a debate followed by a vote by the European Parliament in plenary session*; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

Amendment 97

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Siôn Simon, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls **on the Commission to revise** the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow **proper** follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary **followed by a vote** on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months **of their acceptance**;

Amendment

13. Calls **for revision of** the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 **so as** to allow **more extensive** follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months **after issuing a positive opinion**;

Or. de

Amendment 98

Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary followed by a vote on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within **12** months of their acceptance;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary followed by a vote on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within **six** months of their acceptance;

Or. ro

Amendment 99

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary ***followed by a vote on the ECI***; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act ***on, or the measures called for by***, successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

(A vote in Parliament could be a double-edged sword. If Parliament voted against, it could jeopardise the Commission's subsequent assessment. This would mean that an indirect decision-making body of representative democracy would prevail over a direct one).

Or. it

Amendment 100
Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including a parliamentary debate in plenary followed by a vote on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, including, ***if necessary***, a parliamentary debate in plenary followed by a vote on the ECI; urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their acceptance;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for action to be taken to enhance the viability of citizens' initiatives that have not achieved the threshold of 1 million signatures but whose proposals have received support from a quarter of the Member States;

Or. es

Amendment 102
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10(c) of Regulation 211/2011 to allow any European Citizens' Initiative meeting the conditions laid down in Article 11(4) TEU in respect of which it has decided not to submit a proposal to be authorised for debate in the European Parliament, followed by a vote, where necessary after the national parliaments have delivered an opinion;

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; ***stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;***

Amendment

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised ***by a neutral*** committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised ***under the auspices of a 'neutral' committee, i.e. a body that*** does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter ***in terms of content, and that external experts should furthermore be involved at all times;***

Or. de

Amendment 105

Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament **and relevant Commission officials**; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Morten Messerschmidt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament **and Members of the national parliaments concerned**; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

Or. fr

Amendment 107

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

Amendment

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs, a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter; ***points out that while the organisers of the ECI should be given the space they deserve for the presentation of their case, it might be useful to also include outside stakeholders and experts at an early stage of the discussion. To this end, the Commission is invited to use additional tools of participation as foreseen in Article 11 of the Lisbon Treaty (e.g., online consultation) and extend the deadline for a Commission response from 3 to 5 months to accommodate this. Is of the opinion that one Vice President of the European Parliament should be in charge of organizing the hearings on ECIs.***

Or. en

Amendment 108

Claudia Tapardel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes the view that, in order to emphasise the political dimension of ECIs,

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a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter;

a public hearing held under the terms of Article 11 of Regulation 211/2011 should be structured in such a way as to allow organisers to engage in a dialogue with Members of the European Parliament; stresses that hearings on ECIs should be organised by a neutral committee that does not have the main responsibility for their subject-matter *and must include representatives of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;*

Or. ro

Amendment 109
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on organisers and institutions, but above all on the Commission, to ensure that contacts between those involved are not limited to the stage prior to the presentation of initiatives, since there should also be more transparency in the stage after an initiative has been accepted;

Or. es

Amendment 110
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Considers it crucial for a proper use

of this participative democracy tool by citizens and in order to prevent its possible abuse by other sort of private interests, to increase the transparency and the quality of checks on the funding and sponsorship of ECIs;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Under the terms of Article 225 TFEU, urges the Parliament and its committees, if necessary, to claim the right to request the Commission to submit a proposal that takes into account the content of any successful ECI.

Or. en

Amendment 112

Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through **the EU budget**, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, **given** that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through **existing EU budgets**, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, **mindful** that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Amendment 113
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of **funding** ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Amendment

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of **providing financial support for** ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Or. de

Amendment 114
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Amendment

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that **equality between citizens must be guaranteed and** there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Or. es

Amendment 115

Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Amendment

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, ***including the possibility of financing promotional radio and television programmes***, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Or. pl

Amendment 116

György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end;

Amendment

15. Invites the Commission to explore the possibility of funding ECIs through the EU budget, via European programmes such as the Europe for Citizens programme and the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, given that there is a real need for financial support for the organisation of ECIs and that numerous amendments to the EU budget have been submitted to this end; ***and, in this connection, urges the Commission to maximise the communication of the instrument, in order to bring its existence to the attention***

of citizens in as wide a measure as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls for the institutions to show greater commitment to making Union citizens aware of European Citizens' Initiatives;

Or. es

Amendment 118

Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of facilitating the use of ECIs through the implementation of the relevant ICT platforms and tools and the specific provision of information and user channels dedicated to users with disabilities and with a lack of computer knowledge, in order to make this tool increasingly inclusive;

Or. it

Amendment 119

Barbara Spinelli, Helmut Scholz, Kostas Chrysogonos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Encourages the Commission to run a media campaign to increase public and media awareness. Urges the need to amend the EU budget, in the framework of the mid-term review, so as to provide the Commission with the necessary financial resources to run an effective and large media campaign increasing public and media awareness of the ECI.

Or. en

Amendment 120
Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Calls on the Commission to counter, by taking every possible precaution, the theft – including through internet tools – of sensitive information relating to signatories, especially when it is managed in the form of aggregate data;

Or. it

Amendment 121
Siôn Simon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of *1 April* 2015 on the ECI ***and*** calls on ***it*** to

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of ***31st March*** 2015 on the ECI. ***The***

ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Commission should work on the European Citizens' Initiative in order to perceive it more positively as an instrument for citizens to influence European legislation. Therefore the ECI should promote the dialogue and engagement process with the citizens in order to facilitate the constitution of such initiatives. Calls on *the Commission* to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of *1 April* 2015 on the ECI and calls on *it* to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of *31 March* 2015 on the ECI *and European Ombudsman decision OI/9/2013/TN*, and calls on *the Commission* to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Or. de

Amendment 123
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 1 April 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 1 April 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure, ***in cooperation with the citizens' committee which proposed the initiative***, that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Or. pl

Amendment 124

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 1 April 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 1 April 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented ***in order to provide a proper follow up*** when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 1 April 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 1 April 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal

measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully; ***this should include the presentation of a legislative proposal in the event of a successful ECI, and a duly reasoned reply in the event that it is rejected;***

Or. es

Amendment 126
Andrej Plenković

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 31 March 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Commission's report of 31 March 2015 on the ECI and calls on it to ensure that, in its revision of this instrument, all the appropriate legal measures are implemented when an ECI is deemed to have been completed successfully; ***calls on the European institutions to carry out the essential communication work through an information campaign on the ECI.***

Or. fr

Amendment 127
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Jo Leinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Calls on the Commission, in view of the various shortcomings which have arisen, to submit as soon as possible a proposal to revise Regulation No 211/2011;

Or. de

