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European citizens' initiative

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 31

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The Treaty on European Union (TEU) reinforces citizenship of the Union and enhances further the democratic functioning of the Union by providing, inter alia, that every citizen of the Union has the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union. The European citizens' initiative is a Union instrument of participatory democracy which affords citizens of the Union the possibility of directly approaching the Commission with a request inviting it to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties, similar to the right conferred on the European Parliament under Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and on the Council under Article 241 TFEU.

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 33
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) According to the Judgement of the General Court of the European Union of 10 May 2017 (case T-754/14), a citizens' initiative may cover all legal acts, without being restricted to measures producing definitive effects, including the modification of a current legislative proposal and the abrogation of existing legal acts. The definition of legal act should not be restricted by narrow interpretations.

Or. en

Amendment 34
Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) Since Article 48(2) TEU confers to the Commission the right to submit to the Council proposals for the amendment of the Treaties, any such proposal should be regarded as a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) The European citizens' initiative should be able to ask the Commission, in accordance with Article 48(2) TEU, to propose a revision of the Treaty of the European Union and of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, if such revision is requested by the citizens to implement the Treaties themselves and if this request is not in contradiction with the principles enshrined in the Articles 2 and 6 TEU and with the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The European Parliament, in its resolution on the European citizens' initiative of 28 October 2015²⁵ called on the Commission to review Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 and **Commission** Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1179/2011.

²⁵ 2014/2257 (INI).

Amendment

(4) The European Parliament, in its resolution on the European citizens' initiative of 28 October 2015²⁵ called on the Commission ***comprehensively*** to review ***and to revise as soon as possible*** Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 and Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1179/2011.

²⁵ 2014/2257 (INI).

Or. de

Amendment 37
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Pursuant to Article 11 TEU, the ECI is an integral part of the venues provided to the citizens of the Union allowing them to participate to its decision-making process by asking the Commission to submit a legislative proposal. Through the ECI, European citizens should be able to ensure that the Union's actions are coherent, transparent and reflecting citizens' priorities. The ECI is a mechanism imposing obligations on Union institutions in order to make the exercise of the participation right of the citizens of the Union as effective as possible, with due regard to the principles and rules governing the democratic functioning of the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, ***and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.***

Amendment

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, ***in order to encourage as many EU citizens as possible to play their part in shaping the ongoing European integration process.***

Or. de

Amendment 39

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

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(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative ***as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.***

Amendment

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative ***and thus bolster the principle of democracy and the democratic functioning of the Union, giving every citizen a general right to participate in its democratic procedures.***

Or. it

Amendment 40

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation **at** Union **level**, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Amendment

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and supporters, in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation **to the decision-making process of the** Union, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Or. en

Amendment 41

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

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

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Amendment

(5) This Regulation aims to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome, easier to use for organisers and supporters **and strengthen its follow-up** in order to achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as a tool to foster debate and citizen participation at Union level, and to bring the Union closer to its citizens.

Or. en

Amendment 42

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) To achieve those objectives, the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate to the nature of this instrument. They should strike a judicious balance between rights and obligations.

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 43 Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) It is appropriate to set a minimum age for supporting an initiative. To achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as an instrument of participatory democracy and to foster citizen participation **at** Union **level** especially among young European citizens, that age should be set at 16 years.

Amendment

(7) It is appropriate to set a minimum age for supporting an initiative. To achieve the full potential of the European citizens' initiative as an instrument of participatory democracy and to foster citizen participation **to the decision-making process of the** Union especially among young European citizens, that age should be set at 16 years.

Or. en

Amendment 44 Josep-Maria Terricabras on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) In order to ensure an inclusive participation, Union citizens should have

the possibility to use languages other than the official languages of the Institutions of the Union that are authorised by a Member State in accordance with the applicable national law.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Inclusion of people residing legally in an EU Member State in the European integration project should also be promoted, so that people with this status may support any European citizens' initiative.

Or. es

Amendment 46
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) In accordance with Article 11(4) of the TEU an initiative inviting the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required to implement the Treaties, is to be taken by not less than one million citizens of the Union who are nationals of a significant number of Member States.

(8) In accordance with Article 11(4) of the TEU an initiative inviting the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate **legislative** proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required to implement the Treaties, is to be taken by not less than one million citizens of the Union who are nationals of a significant number of Member States.

Amendment 47

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) A European citizens' initiative in which the Commission is called upon to submit a proposal to amend the Treaties should be deemed admissible, given that Article 48 TEU confers upon the Commission the power to submit to the Council proposals to amend the Treaties.

Or. it

Amendment 48

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9) In order to ensure that an initiative is representative of a Union interest while ensuring that the instrument remains easy to use the minimum number of Member States from which citizens must come should be set at one quarter of Member States.

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Or. es

Amendment 49

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) In order to ensure that an initiative is representative and to ensure similar conditions for citizens to support an initiative, it is also appropriate to establish the minimum number of signatories coming from each of those Member States. Those minimum numbers of signatories required in each Member State should be degressively proportional and correspond to the number of Members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State, multiplied by **750**.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 50

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Every citizen of the Union should have the right to support an initiative on paper or online, under similar conditions regardless of the Member State of nationality or residence.

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(11) Every citizen of the Union should have the right to support an initiative on paper or online, under similar conditions regardless of the Member State of nationality or residence. ***It should also be possible to register initiatives written in regional languages, as the Committee of the Regions has already proposed.***

Or. es

Amendment 51

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide information and assistance to organisers and make available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories to provide citizens with information and assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, ***past experience having revealed the organisational and technical difficulties inherent in getting a European citizens' initiative off the ground, access to the rules should be made easier, and*** the Commission should provide information and assistance to organisers and make available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories to provide citizens with information and assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative. ***The technical advice provided should serve to reduce the high number of applications refused on procedural grounds so that the Commission is obliged to refrain from declaring inadmissible citizens' initiatives that follow the recommendations given.***

Or. es

Amendment 52 Barbara Spinelli

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the Commission should make available an online ***independent*** collaborative platform ***and*** provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. ***Independent organisations and external experts with proven experience in the organisation of European citizens' initiatives should manage and update the platform in order to provide on a daily basis their valuable contribution to the discussion forum. The Commission should be involved in the collaborative platform in order to provide its opinion on specific cases.*** To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories to provide citizens with information and assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 53

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

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Amendment

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide ***clear, accurate and complete*** information and ***legal and practical*** assistance to organisers and make ***publicly*** available an online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories, ***accessible to people with disabilities***, to provide citizens with information ***as well as legal and practical***

assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 54

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment

(13) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible and to provide support to citizens and organisers, the Commission should provide information and assistance to organisers and, ***together with the relevant stakeholders***, make available an ***open-source*** online collaborative platform to provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. To ensure proximity to citizens, Member States should establish one or more contact points in their respective territories to provide citizens with information and assistance regarding the European citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 55

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 56

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14a) In order to ensure full objectivity and transparency with regard to the registration of a European citizens' initiative proposal, the Commission should appoint one or more hearing officers from among persons who are known to have a good command of the law of the European Union, and should also provide auxiliary support staff. The hearing officers should be given the role of independent arbiter to assess the necessary conditions for registering a proposal for a European citizens' initiative. The hearing officers should be appointed in accordance with the rules laid down in the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the

Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union. Transparency and the absence of conflicts of interests should be ensured in the performance of their tasks. Sincere cooperation and political dialogue between the Commission, the European Parliament, and the Council with regard to the appointment of a hearing officer should also be ensured.

Or. it

Amendment 57
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14a) The Commission should create a committee of independent experts that should decide on the admissibility of an initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 58
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) In order to ensure coherence and transparency in relation to initiatives and to avoid a situation where signatures are collected for an initiative which does not comply with the conditions laid down by the Treaties and this Regulation, initiatives that comply with the conditions laid down

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in this Regulation *should be registered by the Commission* before collecting statements of support from citizens. The Commission should deal with registration in accordance with the general principles of good administration.

the hearing officer referred to in this Regulation and, where that opinion is favourable, should register initiatives that comply with the conditions laid down in this Regulation before collecting statements of support from citizens. The Commission *and the hearing officer* should deal with registration in accordance with the general principles of good administration.

Or. it

Amendment 59

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where *a substantial* part of the initiative, *including its main objectives*, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency should be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 60
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where a **substantial** part of the initiative, including its main objectives, **does not manifestly fall outside** the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency should be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration of the initiative.

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(16) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, and taking into account that the procedures and conditions required for the European citizens' initiative should be clear, simple, user-friendly and proportionate, it is appropriate to partially register an initiative in cases where only part or parts of the initiative meet the requirements for registration under this Regulation. Initiatives should be partially registered where a part of the initiative, including its main objectives, **targets an issue which falls in** the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and all the other registration requirements are met. Clarity and transparency should be ensured as regards the scope of the partial registration and potential signatories should be informed of the scope of the registration and of the fact that statements of support are collected only in relation to the scope of the registration of the initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16a) Following the Judgement of the General Court of the European Union of 10 May 10 2017 (case T-754/14), a part of the initiative, including its main objectives, may cover all legal acts, without being restricted to measures producing definitive effects, including the abrogation of any existing legal act and the modification of a current legislative proposal. The definition of legal act should not be restricted by narrow interpretations, provided it does not contradict the principles enshrined in Articles 2 and 6 TEU and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16b) Where citizens consider it necessary to ask for an amendment of the Treaties in order to have them implemented, a part of the initiative may ask the Commission, in accordance with Article 48(2) TEU, to propose an amendment of the Treaty on the European Union and/or the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union if that is in accordance with Articles 2 and 6 TEU and with the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Amendment 63

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than **12** months from the date of the start of the collection period determined by the group of organisers.

Amendment

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than **18** months from the date of the start of the collection period determined by the group of organisers.

Or. it

Amendment 64

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than **12** months from the date of the start of the collection period determined by the group of organisers.

Amendment

(17) Statements of support for an initiative should be collected within a specific time limit. In order to ensure that an initiative remains relevant, whilst taking into account the complexity of collecting statements of support across the Union, that time limit should not be longer than **16** months from the date of the start of the collection period determined by the group of organisers.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and citizens, the Commission should set-up and operate *a* central system for the online collection of statements of support. That system should be made available free of charge to groups of organisers and should comprise the necessary technical features allowing online collection including the hosting and software as well as accessibility features ensuring that citizens with disabilities can provide support to the initiatives. That system should be set-up and maintained in accordance with Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46²⁶.

²⁶ Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission (OJ L 6, 11.1.2017, p. 40–51).

Amendment

(18) In order to make the European citizens' initiative more accessible, less burdensome and easier to use for organisers and citizens, the Commission should set-up and operate *an open-source* central system for the online collection of statements of support. That system should be made available free of charge to groups of organisers and should comprise the necessary technical features allowing online collection including the hosting and software as well as accessibility features ensuring that citizens with disabilities can provide support to the initiatives. That system should be set-up and maintained in accordance with Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46²⁶.

²⁶ Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission (OJ L 6, 11.1.2017, p. 40–51).

Or. en

Amendment 66

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) A group of organisers should have the possibility to set-up its own online collection systems for the collection of statements of support across the Union and to decide in which Member State the data collected for the initiative should be stored. The group of organisers should use a single individual online collection system for each initiative. Individual online collection systems set up and operated by a group of organisers should have adequate technical and security features in order to ensure that the data are securely collected, stored and transferred throughout the procedure. For that purpose, the Commission should set out detailed technical specifications for the individual online collection systems, in cooperation with the Member States. The Commission may seek advice of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) which assists the Union institutions in developing and implementing policies related to security of network and information systems.

(20) A group of organisers should have the possibility to set-up its own online collection systems for the collection of statements of support across the Union and to decide *whether they wish to use the servers made available by the Commission for that purpose or, if they use their own servers*, in which Member State the data collected for the initiative should be stored. The group of organisers should use a single individual online collection system for each initiative. Individual online collection systems set up and operated by a group of organisers should have adequate technical and security features in order to ensure that the data are securely collected, stored and transferred throughout the procedure. For that purpose, the Commission should set out detailed technical specifications for the individual online collection systems, in cooperation with the Member States. The Commission may seek advice of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) which assists the Union institutions in developing and implementing policies related to security of network and information systems.

Or. en

Amendment 67

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 22 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(22a) In order to encourage participation and public debate on the issues raised by initiatives, once the first six months of a collection period have passed, the group of organisers should have the right to present its initiative and to request that a first public hearing be

held at Union level. The hearing should be organised by the European Parliament within three months of the request submitted by the group of organisers.

Or. it

Justification

The aim of this first public hearing is to offer valuable support to the group of organisers in order to increase EU citizens' knowledge about the existence of their initiative and the specific goals they seek to achieve.

Amendment 68

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) ***In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives***, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be ***co-organised by the Commission and*** the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative ***and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.***

Amendment

(23) Where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should, ***in addition***, have the right to present that initiative at a ***second*** public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be ***organised*** by the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 69
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be *co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament* within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of *relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other* institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested *stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.*

Amendment

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be *organised by the European Parliament, in accordance with its own Rules of Procedure*, within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested *experts*.

Or. en

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

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is

Amendment

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submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing *should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament* within three months from the submission of the initiative and *ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as* the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union *as well as interested stakeholders* should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The *Commission and the European Parliament should ensure that the* public hearing *is organised at* the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union *and, where relevant, representatives of national and regional parliaments should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.*

Or. en

Amendment 71

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment

(23) In order to promote participation and public debate on the issues raised by the initiatives, where an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation is submitted to the Commission, the group of organisers should have the right to present that initiative at a public hearing at Union level. The public hearing should be co-organised by the Commission and the European Parliament within three months from the submission of the initiative and ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests well as the representation at an appropriate level of the Commission *and the Council*. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union as well as interested stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment 72

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) Twelve months after the Commission has submitted the communication setting out its legal and political conclusions on an initiative supported by the required number of signatories and fulfilling the other requirements of this Regulation, the group of organisers should have the right to request that a third public hearing be held at EU level in order to allow clear, detailed and comprehensive analysis of the Commission position and ascertain that the Commission's action is consistent with such commitments as it might have entered into. The hearing should be organised by the European Parliament within six months of the submission of the request by the group of organisers.

Or. it

Justification

Taking account of possible significant developments, once an appropriate period of time has elapsed, the aim of this third hearing is to foster a detailed, updated analysis of the conclusions submitted by the Commission, checking, in addition, that any commitments made by the Commission itself in relation to the success of the initiative have been honoured in a consistent manner.

Amendment 73

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) Citizens' initiatives that meet the registration requirements should be forwarded to the European Parliament committee or committees competent in the matter for a debate with the involvement of the interested parties and, where applicable, to give an opinion, including the possibility of subsequently triggering the mechanism provided for in Article 225 of the TFEU if the Commission does not present a legislative proposal.

Or. es

Amendment 74

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23a) In order to assess the political support of an initiative, the European Parliament, which is the body that represents the citizens of the Union, should hold a debate on the submitted initiative during the plenary session following the public hearing. The debate should be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution including a European Parliament recommendation to the Commission on the actions needed as a follow-up to the citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 75

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23b) The European Parliament should ensure that public hearings are attended by experts who are known to have a good command of the subject with which the initiative is concerned, having first ascertained that there are no conflicts of interests involved. The Commission should ensure that hearings are attended by representatives of itself who are of an appropriate level. Other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, national parliaments, and relevant public stakeholders should have the opportunity to participate in hearings.

Or. it

Justification

The relevant public stakeholders are the only ones who have the responsibility of describing, during the hearings, what overall impact – including where the private sector is concerned – might be entailed in a European citizens' initiative. The idea is to ensure that participation is targeted at those who seek to protect collective interests rather than exclusively private interests.

Amendment 76

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23c) The European Parliament should hold a wide-ranging plenary debate on valid initiatives.

Or. it

Amendment 77

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine **a valid** initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should **likewise** give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Amendment

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine **every** initiative **which has secured the requisite number of at least one million statements of support** and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five months from the receipt of the initiative, **in particular whether it intends to put forward a legislative proposal**. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should **in particular** give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Or. de

Amendment 78

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action,

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(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of five months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it

and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

does not intend to take any action. *A valid initiative should not affect the Commission's right of initiative.*

Or. en

Amendment 79
Alain Lamassoure

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of *five* months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Amendment

(24) To ensure the effective participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the Commission should examine a valid initiative and respond to it. The Commission should therefore set out its legal and political conclusions as well as the action it intends to take within a period of *three* months from the receipt of the initiative. The Commission should explain in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner the reasons for its intended action, and should likewise give its reasons if it does not intend to take any action.

Or. fr

Amendment 80
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) Where the conclusions of the Commission and the recommendation of the European Parliament differ, the European Parliament should be able to exercise the right conferred on the

Amendment 81
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency.

Amendment

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated ***and detailed*** information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. ***Those groups of organisers should report every trimester on all their sources of funding and the Commission should make those sources clearly apparent on the register.*** Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency. ***In order to enhance the transparency of financing of ECI activities and the visibility of the ECI as a tool for the engagement of citizens, this regulation should be endowed with its own financial Programme. Such a financial Programme should contribute to the funding of the entities and organisations promoting the ECI and/or provide free technical or legal support to ECIs' organisers. It should also fund eligible expenditure directly***

incurred in relation to the organisation of ECIs.

Or. en

Amendment 82

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency.

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(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated ***and detailed*** information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. ***Those groups of organisers should report on all of their sources of funding and the Commission should make those sources clearly apparent on the register.*** Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency. ***In order to enhance the transparency of financing of ECI activities and the visibility of the ECI as a tool for the engagement of citizens, this regulation should be endowed with its own financial Programme.***

Or. en

Amendment 83

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency.

Amendment

(25) The support and funding for initiatives should be transparent. Therefore groups of organisers should provide updated information on the sources of support and funding for their initiatives between the date of registration and the date at which the initiative is submitted to the Commission. Entities, notably organisations which under the Treaties contribute to forming European political awareness and expressing the will of citizens of the Union, ***but excluding political parties and governmental institutions and authorities***, should be able to promote and provide support and funding to initiatives, provided that they do so in accordance with the procedures and conditions laid down by this Regulation and with full transparency.

Or. en

Amendment 84
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) This Regulation respects ***fundamental rights and observes the principles enshrined in*** the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, ***in particular Article 8 thereof***.

Amendment

(32) This Regulation respects the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

This Regulation establishes the procedures and conditions required for an initiative inviting the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens of the Union consider that a legal act of the Union is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaties (the ‘European citizens’ initiative’ or ‘initiative’).

Amendment

This Regulation establishes the procedures and conditions required for an initiative inviting the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens of the Union consider that a ***new legal act or the abrogation or amendment of any existing*** legal act of the Union is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaties, ***including with the view to their amendment***, (the ‘European citizens’ initiative’ or ‘initiative’).

Or. en

Amendment 86

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

‘Legal act’ shall mean, inter alia, a proposal for a new legal act, an act repealing an existing legal act, an act amending an existing legal act, an act amending a proposal for a legal act^{1a} or an act amending a Treaty as referred to in Article 48 TEU.

^{1a} Cf. also the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case T-754/14.

Or. it

Amendment 87
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A citizens' initiative may cover all legal acts, without being restricted to measures producing definitive effects, including the amendment of an ongoing legislative proposal and the abrogation of existing legal acts. The definition of legal act shall not be restricted by narrow interpretations.

Or. en

Amendment 88
Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where a European citizens' initiative concerns the amendment of a legislative proposal under discussion, the Commission must automatically inform the group of organisers of the legislative calendar, notifying them that any citizens' initiative dealing with a text under examination can only be considered at the end of the legislative procedure.

Or. fr

Amendment 89
Charles Goerens

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) A citizens' initiative may concern the amendment of the Treaties.

Or. en

Amendment 90
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A citizens' initiative may ask the Commission, in accordance with Article 48(2) TEU, to propose an amendment of the Treaty of the European Union and/or of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, if such revision is requested by the citizens in order to implement the Treaties themselves and if such request is not in contradiction with the principles enshrined in Articles 2 and 6 of TEU and with the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 91
Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Every citizen of the Union who is *at least 16 years of age* has the right to support an initiative by signing a statement of support

Every citizen of the Union who is *entitled to support a legislative initiative pursuant to the Constitution of the Member State of its citizenship* has the right to support an

(‘the signatory’), in accordance with this Regulation.

initiative by signing a statement of support (‘the signatory’), in accordance with this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 92
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Every citizen of the Union who is at least 16 years of age has the right to support an initiative by signing a statement of support (‘the signatory’), in accordance with this Regulation.

Amendment

Every citizen of the Union who is at least 16 years of age, ***including citizens with the status of a legal resident in an EU Member State***, has the right to support an initiative by signing a statement of support (‘the signatory’), in accordance with this Regulation.

Or. es

Amendment 93
Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Every citizen of the Union who ***is at least 16 years of age has the right*** to support an initiative by signing a statement of support (‘the signatory’), in accordance with this Regulation.

Amendment

Every citizen of the Union who ***is old enough to vote in the European elections may*** support an initiative by signing a statement of support (‘the signatory’), in accordance with this Regulation.

Or. cs

Amendment 94
Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) in at least one quarter of the Member States, the number of signatories is at least equal to the minimum number set out in Annex I, corresponding to the number of the Members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State, multiplied by **750**, at the time of registration of the initiative.

Amendment

(b) in at least one quarter of the Member States, the number of signatories is at least equal to the minimum number set out in Annex I, corresponding to the number of the Members of the European Parliament elected in each Member State, multiplied by ***the total number of Members of the European Parliament***, at the time of registration of the initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 95

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall, upon request, provide information and assistance about the European citizens' initiative to citizens and groups of organisers.

Amendment

1. The Commission shall, upon request, provide information and ***appropriate expert and legal*** assistance about the European citizens' initiative to citizens and groups of organisers.

Or. de

Amendment 96

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform ***providing***

Amendment

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform, ***which will***

citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative.

*provide a dedicated discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative. **Independent organisations and external experts with proven experience in the organisation of European Citizens' Initiatives shall manage and update the platform in order to provide on a daily basis their valuable contribution to the discussion forum. The discussion forum shall disseminate information about organisations that are able to provide further technical and legal support and about sources of financial support for organising an ECI provided for by the Union budget, as well as about other forms of support available in the Member States. The Commission should be fully involved in the collaborative platform in order to convey its opinion on specific cases.***

Or. en

Amendment 97

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform providing citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform providing citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens' initiative, ***including information about organisations that are able to provide further technical and legal support as well as about other forms of support available in the Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 98

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall ***make available an*** online collaborative platform ***providing citizens and*** groups of organisers ***with a discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens’ initiative.***

Amendment

The Commission, ***together with the relevant stakeholders,*** shall ***create an open-source*** online collaborative platform ***to support the exchange of information and best practices between stakeholders, including*** groups of organisers, ***independent experts, NGOs and other institutions and bodies of the Union.***

Or. en

Amendment 99

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform providing citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and information and advice about the European citizens’ initiative.

Amendment

The Commission shall make available an online collaborative platform providing citizens and groups of organisers with a discussion forum and information and ***practical and legal*** advice about the European citizens’ initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 100

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise a public website providing information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status.

3. The Commission shall make available an online register ('the register') allowing groups of organisers to manage their initiative throughout the procedure. The register shall comprise a public website providing ***clear, accurate and complete*** information on the European citizens' initiative in general as well as on specific initiatives and their respective status.

Or. it

Amendment 101

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. After the Commission has registered an initiative in accordance with Article 6, it shall provide the translation of the content of that initiative into all the official languages of the Union for its publication in the register and its use for the collection of statements of support in accordance with this Regulation. A group of organisers may, in addition, provide translations into all the official languages of the Union of the Annex for its publication in the register and also, as the case may be, of the draft legal act referred to in Annex II and submitted in accordance with Article 6(2).

Amendment

4. After the Commission has registered an initiative in accordance with Article 6, it shall provide the translation of the content of that initiative into all the official languages of the Union for its publication in the register and its use for the collection of statements of support in accordance with this Regulation. A group of organisers may, in addition, ***ask the Commission to*** provide translations into all the official languages of the Union of the Annex for its publication in the register and also, as the case may be, of the draft legal act referred to in Annex II and submitted in accordance with Article 6(2).

Or. it

Amendment 102

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. *A group of organisers may, in addition, provide translations of the information referred to in Annex II, as well as of the Annex and the draft legal act referred to in Annex II, into languages other than the official languages of the Institutions of the Union that have been authorized by a Member State in accordance with applicable national law.*

Or. en

Amendment 103

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. **The** Commission shall develop an EU file exchange service for the transfer of statements of support to the competent authorities of the Member States, in accordance with Article 12, which guarantees the confidentiality, integrity and authentication of the transfer, and make it publicly available and free of charge.

5. **To ensure the process is transparent and that data is protected, the** Commission shall develop an EU file exchange service for the transfer of statements of support to the competent authorities of the Member States, in accordance with Article 12, which guarantees the confidentiality, integrity and authentication of the transfer, and make it publicly available and free of charge.

Or. es

Amendment 104

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. ***Each*** Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

6. ***In order to reduce the high number of applications refused on procedural grounds, each*** Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative. ***The Commission shall refrain from refusing on procedural grounds to register citizens' initiatives that comply with the recommendations given in this technical advice.***

Or. es

Amendment 105

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information and assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Amendment

6. Each Member State shall establish one or more contact points to provide information and ***practical and legal*** assistance to groups of organisers in setting up a European citizens' initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 106

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. An initiative shall be prepared and managed by a group of at least seven natural persons (the 'group of organisers'). Members of the European Parliament shall

Amendment

1. An initiative shall be prepared and managed by a group of at least seven natural persons (the 'group of organisers'). Members of the European Parliament ***or members of political parties within the***

not be counted for the purpose of that minimum number.

Member States or public officials within Member States shall not be counted for the purpose of that minimum number.(...)

Or. en

Amendment 107

Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. An initiative shall be prepared and managed by a group of at least seven natural persons (the ‘group of organisers’). Members of the European Parliament shall not be counted for the purpose of that minimum number.

Amendment

1. An initiative shall be prepared and managed by a group of at least seven natural persons (the ‘group of organisers’). Members of the European Parliament ***and Members of national parliaments*** shall not be counted for the purpose of that minimum number.

Or. fr

Justification

Given that Members of national parliaments have direct or indirect powers to intervene in the legislative procedure or even, to a certain extent, to make proposals through representatives in the Council and in the European Parliament, their capacity to launch an ECI should be limited (as it is for MEPs), otherwise the parliaments would have an additional capacity not provided for in the Treaties.

Amendment 108

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Where a legal entity has been created, in accordance with the national law of a Member State specifically for the purpose of managing a given initiative, that legal entity shall be considered as the

Amendment

7. Where a legal entity has been created, in accordance with the national law of a Member State specifically for the purpose of managing a given initiative, that legal entity shall ***not have a political***

group of organisers or its members, as the case may be, for the purpose of paragraphs 5 and 6, Articles 6(2) and (4) to (7) and Articles 7 to 18 and annexes II to VII, provided that the member of the group of organisers designated as the representative thereof is given a mandate to act on behalf of the legal entity.

character, shall not manage public funds and shall be considered as the group of organisers or its members, as the case may be, for the purpose of paragraphs 5 and 6, Articles 6(2) and (4) to (7) and Articles 7 to 18 and annexes II to VII, provided that the member of the group of organisers designated as the representative thereof is given a mandate to act on behalf of the legal entity.

Or. en

Amendment 109

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a

Hearing officer for European citizens' initiatives

The Commission, acting in accordance with the rules laid down in the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, shall appoint one or more hearing officers from among persons who are known to have a good command of the law of the European Union, and shall also provide auxiliary support staff. The Commission shall ensure sincere cooperation and political dialogue with the European Parliament and the Council for the purposes of transparency and of ascertaining that there are no conflicts of interests involved in the appointment of hearing officers and the performance of their duties. The hearing officer shall assess whether the conditions under this Regulation are met for registration of a proposed European citizens' initiative.

The hearing officer shall enjoy full independence in the performance of his or her duties.

Or. it

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

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a

ECI Committee

- 1. The Commission shall create a committee of independent experts (the 'ECI Committee') in order to assess the admissibility of a submitted initiative in accordance with Articles 5 b and 6.*
- 2. The European Parliament and the Council, acting by means of regulations in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, shall adopt the provisions for the establishment and the functioning of the ECI Committee before 1 July 2019.*

Or. en

Amendment 111
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5b

Admissibility

1. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, the ECI Committee shall declare admissible an initiative if:

(a) none of the parts of the initiative manifestly falls outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a new legal act or the abrogation or amendment of any existing legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties, including with the view to their amendment,

(b) the initiative is not manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious;

(c) the initiative is not manifestly contrary to the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 TEU.

2. Where it considers that the requirements laid down in points (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 are met but part of the initiative does not fulfil the requirements laid down in point (a) of paragraph 1, the ECI Committee shall:

(a) indicate the parts of the initiative that are not admissible and declare the initiative partially admissible;

(b) for each of the parts that are not admissible, make a detailed assessment of the reasons and the legal basis justifying its decision.

3. In all other cases the ECI Committee, it shall declare the initiative inadmissible and make an assessment of the reasons and the legal grounds supporting its decision.

Or. en

Amendment 112

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Statements of support for an initiative may only be collected after the initiative has been registered by the Commission.

Amendment

1. Statements of support for an initiative may only be collected after the initiative has been registered by the Commission, ***following a favourable assessment by the hearing officer referred to in this Regulation.***

Or. it

Amendment 113

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) transmit the information referred to in Annex II in one of the official languages of the Union;

Amendment

(a) ***without prejudice to Article 4 (4a),*** transmit the information referred to in Annex II in one of the official languages of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to paragraphs 5 and 6, the ***Commission*** shall ***decide*** on the request within two months of its submission.

Amendment

Without prejudice to paragraphs 5 and 6, the ***hearing officer*** shall ***deliver an opinion*** on the request within two months of its submission.

Or. it

Amendment 115

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. *The Commission shall refer to the ECI Committee the information referred to in Annex II. Without prejudice to paragraph 4, the ECI Committee shall decide on the admissibility of the initiative in accordance with Article 5b within one month of the receipt of the information.*

Or. en

Amendment 116

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The **Commission** shall register the initiative if:

The **hearing officer** shall **recommend that the Commission** register the initiative if:

Or. it

Amendment 117

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) **none of the parts of** the initiative **manifestly** falls **outside** the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a

(c) The initiative **targets an issue which** falls **in** the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal

proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

for a *new* legal act *or the abrogation or revision of existing legal acts* of the Union for the purpose of implementing *or amending* the Treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) *none of the parts of the initiative manifestly falls outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;*

Amendment

(c) *the ECI Committee declares the initiative admissible.*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Claudia Țăpădel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) none of the parts of the initiative manifestly *falls* outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

Amendment

(c) *the scope and* none of the parts of the initiative manifestly *fall* outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties *and do not impinge on the exclusive competence of the Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 120

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) *the initiative is not manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious;* *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 121

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) *the initiative is not manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious;*

(d) *The Commission shall not implement thematic restrictions that are not foreseen in this Regulation, in Article 11 TEU and in Article 24 TFEU. The Commission shall not refuse to register citizens' initiatives arbitrarily on the basis of an assessment qualifying them as Euro-sceptical or reflecting the interests of a minority, provided that such initiatives are in accordance with the principles enshrined in Articles 2 and 6 TEU and with the Charter of Fundamental Rights.*

Or. en

Amendment 122

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) *the initiative is not manifestly contrary to the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 123

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the initiative is not *manifestly* contrary to the *values* of the Union as set out in *Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union*.

(e) The initiative is not contrary to the *principles* of the Union as set out in *Articles 2 and 6 TEU and in the Charter of fundamental rights*.

Or. en

Amendment 124

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) *when promoting the European citizens' initiative, the group of organisers commit to refrain from using European or national political or institutional instruments for the purpose of receiving statements of support.*

Or. en

Amendment 125

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, **the Commission shall** refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Amendment

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the **hearing officer shall recommend that** the Commission refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Or. it

Amendment 126

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 3 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (e) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Amendment

If one or more of the requirements set out in points (a) to (c) are not met, the Commission shall refuse to register the initiative, without prejudice to paragraphs 4 and 5.

Or. en

Amendment 127

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where **it** considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the requirement laid

Amendment

Where **he or she** considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) and (e) are met but that the

down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the **Commission** shall, within one month of the submission of the request, **inform** the **group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof**.

requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the **hearing officer** shall, within one month of the submission of the request, **provide his or her assessment and the reasons therefor. The Commission shall simultaneously forward that information to the group of organisers**.

Or. it

Amendment 128

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d) **and (e)** are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof.

Amendment

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), (b), (d), **(e) and (e a)** are met but that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group of organisers of its assessment and of the reasons thereof.

Or. en

Amendment 129

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a), **(b), (d) and (e)** are met but **that the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) is not met**, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group

Amendment

Where it considers that the requirements laid down in paragraph 3 (a) **and (b)** are met but **the ECI Committee considers the initiative partially admissible**, the Commission shall, within one month of the submission of the request, inform the group

of organisers of *its* assessment *and* of the *reasons thereof*.

of organisers of *the* assessment of the *ECI Committee*.

Or. en

Amendment 130

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In that case, the group of organisers may either amend the initiative to take into account the *Commission's* assessment to ensure that the initiative is in conformity with the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c) or maintain or withdraw the initial initiative. The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of its choice within one month of the receipt of the *Commission's* assessment giving the reasons thereof, and shall, as the case may be, transmit amendments to the information referred to in Annex II to replace the initial initiative.

Amendment

In that case, the group of organisers may either amend the initiative to take into account the *ECI Committee's* assessment to ensure that the initiative is in conformity with the requirement laid down in *point (c) of paragraph 1 of Article 5b* or maintain or withdraw the initial initiative. The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of its choice within one month of the receipt of the *ECI Committee's* assessment giving the reasons thereof, and shall, as the case may be, transmit amendments to the information referred to in Annex II to replace the initial initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 131

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

In that case, the group of organisers may either amend the initiative to take into account the *Commission's* assessment to ensure that the initiative is in conformity with the requirement laid down in

Amendment

In that case, the group of organisers may either amend the initiative to take into account the *hearing officer's* assessment to ensure that the initiative is in conformity with the requirement laid down in

paragraph 3(c) or maintain or withdraw the initial initiative. The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of its choice within one month of the receipt of the **Commission's** assessment giving the reasons thereof, and shall, as the case may be, transmit amendments to the information referred to in Annex II to replace the initial initiative.

paragraph 3(c) or maintain or withdraw the initial initiative. The group of organisers shall inform the Commission **and the hearing officer** of its choice within one month of the receipt of the assessment giving the reasons thereof, and shall, as the case may be, transmit amendments to the information referred to in Annex II to replace the initial initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 132

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the Commission receives the information from the organisers it shall:

Amendment

Where the Commission receives the information from the organisers it shall **refer the information to the ECI Committee which will decide on the admissibility of the amended initiative within 15 working days.**
The Commission shall:

Or. en

Amendment 133

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the Commission receives the information from the organisers it shall:

Amendment

Where the Commission receives the information from the organisers, **once the hearing officer's assessment has been received**, it shall:

Amendment 134

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) register the initiative, if *it meets the requirement laid down in paragraph 3(c)*;

Amendment

(a) register the initiative, if *the ECI Committee declares the initiative admissible*;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) partially register the initiative if a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

Amendment

(b) partially register the initiative if a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties *and it does not impinge on the exclusive competences of the Member States. That part of the initiative which is partially registered shall be self-standing and it shall not exceed the Commission's competence to submit a proposal for a legal act. Where elements of the European citizens' initiative have the potential to impinge on the exclusive competence of the Member States, the Commission shall consult the Member States within the framework provided by this Regulation.*

Amendment 136

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) partially register the initiative if ***a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives, does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;***

Amendment

(b) partially register the initiative if ***the ECI Committee declares the initiative partially admissible;***

Amendment 137

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) partially register the initiative if ***a substantial part of the initiative, including its main objectives,*** does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

Amendment

(b) partially register the initiative if part of the initiative does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

Amendment 138

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) partially register the initiative if **a substantial** part of the initiative, including its main objectives, **does not manifestly fall outside** the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

Amendment

(b) partially register the initiative if part of the initiative, including its main objectives, **targets an issue which falls in** the framework of the **Commission's powers** Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties.

Or. en

Amendment 139

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

The **Commission** shall **decide** on the request within one month of receipt of the information and, as the case may be, the amended initiative from the group of organisers referred to in the second subparagraph.

Amendment

The **hearing officer** shall **express an opinion** on the request within one month of receipt of the information and, as the case may be, the amended initiative from the group of organisers referred to in the second subparagraph.

Or. it

Amendment 140

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Where **it** refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall **inform** the group of organisers **of the reasons for its decision**

Amendment

7. Where **he or she** refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, **the hearing officer shall provide clear, comprehensive and detailed information on the reasons for his or her assessment.** The

and *of* all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Commission shall *forward that information to* the group of organisers *and also inform them clearly* and *comprehensively of* all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Or. it

Amendment 141

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Where it refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for *its* decision and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Amendment

7. Where it refuses to register or only partially registers an initiative in accordance with paragraph 4, the Commission shall inform the group of organisers of the reasons for *the ECI Committee's* decision *on the admissibility* and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

Or. en

Amendment 142

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

7a. The definition of legal act shall not be limited to measures producing definitive effects or otherwise restricted by narrow interpretations of the aim of the legal act.

Or. en

Amendment 143

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee **and** the Committee of the Regions of the registration of an initiative.

Amendment

8. The Commission shall inform, ***in a clear, comprehensive and detailed manner***, the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions ***and the national parliaments*** of the registration of an initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 144

Claudia Țapardel, Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8a. The Commission shall define the scope of any new initiative in such a way that it falls within the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties.

Or. en

Amendment 145

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **12** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **18** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than three months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Or. it

Amendment 146
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

All statements of support shall be collected within a period not exceeding **12** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than **three** months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Amendment

All statements of support shall be collected, within a period not exceeding **16** months from a date chosen by the group of organisers (the ‘collection period’), without prejudice to Article 11(6). That date must be not later than **six** months from the registration of the initiative in accordance with Article 6.

Or. en

Amendment 147
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of the date chosen **at the latest 10 working days before that date.**

Amendment

The group of organisers shall inform the Commission of the date chosen.

Or. de

Amendment 148
Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of **12 months *after the beginning of the collection period***, it shall inform the Commission of the date at which the collection period is to end.

Amendment

Where, ***during the collection period***, the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of ***a period of 16 months***, it shall inform the Commission of ***that intention at least 10 days before*** the date at which the collection period is to end.

Or. en

Amendment 149
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Where the group of organisers wishes to terminate the collection of statements of support before the end of 12 months after the beginning of the collection period, it shall inform the Commission of the date at which the collection period is to end.

Amendment

(Does not affect the EN version)

Or. de

Amendment 150
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Member States may, in addition, authorise the use of additional languages other than official languages of the Institutions of the Union in accordance with applicable national law.

Or. en

Amendment 151

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall inform the Commission as to whether they wish to use additional languages other than the official languages of the Institutions of the Union before 1 July 2019 and shall provide the translation of Annex III into those languages.

Or. en

Amendment 152

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 7 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The group of organisers ***shall*** inform the Commission of the number of collected statements of support in each Member State ***at least every two months*** during the collection period and of the final number within three months of the end of the

For the purpose of publication in the register, the group of organisers may regularly inform the Commission of the number of collected statements of support in each Member State during the collection period and ***shall inform*** of the final

collection period *for publication in the register*.

number within three months of the end of the collection period.

Or. en

Amendment 153

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

For the purpose of online collection of statements of support, the Commission shall set-up and operate, by 1 January 2020, *a* central online collection system, in accordance with Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017.

Amendment

For the purpose of online collection of statements of support, the Commission shall set-up and operate, by 1 January 2020, *an open-source* central online collection system, in accordance with Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017.

Or. en

Amendment 154

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The data collected through the individual online collection system shall be stored in the territory of a Member State.

Amendment

The data collected through the individual online collection system *may be stored in the servers made available by the Commission for that purpose and in any case* shall be stored in the territory of a Member State.

Or. en

Amendment 155

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Within one month of the registration of an initiative, and at the latest 10 working days before the start of the collection period, the group of organisers shall inform the Commission as to whether it wishes to use the servers of the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 156

Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The group of organisers shall ensure that the individual online collection system complies with the requirements laid down in paragraph 4 and in Article 17(3) throughout the collection period.

2. The group of organisers shall ensure that the individual online collection system complies with the requirements laid down in paragraph 4 ***of this article*** and in Article 17(3) throughout the collection period.

Or. cs

Amendment 157

Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The competent authorities shall, within three months of receiving the statements of support, verify these on the basis of appropriate checks, *which may be* based on *random sampling*, in accordance with national law and practice.

The competent authorities shall, within three months of receiving the statements of support, verify these on the basis of appropriate checks, based on *samples selected* in accordance with national law and practice.

Or. cs

Amendment 158
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The group of organisers can request, at the moment of submission, that if it fails to meet the required number of statements of support, the registered initiative be forwarded to the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament as a petition, with the indication of the number of statements of support gathered.

Or. en

Amendment 159
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

14 Publication and public *hearing*

14 Publication and public *hearings*

Or. it

Amendment 160
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. When the Commission receives a valid initiative in respect of which the statements of support have been collected and certified in accordance with Articles 8 to 12, it shall publish without delay a notice to that effect in the register and transmit the initiative to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee *and* the Committee of the Regions.

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 161

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. When the first six months of the signature collection period have elapsed, the group of organisers may request that a first public hearing be held, at Union level, in order to present its initiative. The hearing shall be organised by the European Parliament within three months of the request submitted by the group of organisers.

Or. it

Justification

The aim of this first public hearing is to offer valuable support to the group of organisers in order to increase EU citizens' knowledge about the existence of their initiative and the specific goals they seek to achieve.

Amendment 162

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within three months after the submission of *the* initiative, the group of organisers shall be given the opportunity to present the initiative at a public hearing.

Amendment

Within three months after the submission of *a valid* initiative *in relation to which statements of support have been collected and certified in accordance with Articles 8 to 12*, the group of organisers shall be given the opportunity to present the initiative at a *second* public hearing.

Or. it

Amendment 163

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

When twelve months have elapsed since the submission of the Commission communication on its legal and political conclusions concerning a valid initiative in relation to which statements of support have been collected and certified in accordance with Articles 8 to 12, the group of organisers may request that a third public hearing be held at Union level. The hearing shall be organised by the European Parliament within six months of the submission of the request by the group of organisers.

Or. it

Justification

Taking account of possible significant developments, once an appropriate period of time has elapsed, the aim of this third hearing is to foster a detailed, updated analysis of the conclusions submitted by the Commission, checking, in addition, that any commitments made by the Commission itself in relation to the success of the initiative have been honoured in a consistent manner.

Amendment 164

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ***co-organise*** the public hearing ***at*** the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment

The European Parliament, ***with the support of the Commission***, shall ***organise in accordance with its Rules of Procedure*** the public hearing ***before the competent Committee or Committees of*** the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Or. en

Amendment 165

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ***co-organise*** the public hearing ***at*** the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as ***interested stakeholders***, shall be given

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ***ensure that*** the public hearing ***is organised by*** the European Parliament ***in accordance with its own Rules of Procedure***. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as ***experts*** shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing

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presented by the organisers of the initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 166

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall **co-organise** the public hearing at the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, **as well as interested stakeholders**, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall **ensure that** the public hearing **is organised** at the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union **and, where relevant, representatives of national and regional parliaments** shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Or. en

Amendment 167

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall co-organise the public hearing at the European Parliament. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall co-organise the public hearing at the European Parliament. Representatives of the **Council**, other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders **or experts**, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Or. de

Amendment 168

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ***co-organise*** the public ***hearing at the European Parliament***. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, ***as well as interested*** stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the ***hearing***.

Amendment

The European Parliament shall ***organise*** the public ***hearings at its premises***. Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, ***of the national parliaments and public*** stakeholders shall be given the opportunity to participate in the ***hearings***.

Or. it

Justification

The relevant public stakeholders are the only ones who have the responsibility of describing, during the hearings, what overall impact – including where the private sector is concerned – might be entailed in a European citizens' initiative. The idea is to ensure that participation is targeted at those who seek to protect collective interests rather than exclusively private interests.

Amendment 169

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 170

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

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 171
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure a balanced representation of relevant public and private interests.

The European Parliament shall ensure a balanced representation of relevant public interests. *The European Parliament shall also ensure the presence of experts who are highly skilled in the subject with which the initiative is concerned, subject to prior verification that there are no conflicts of interests involved.*

Or. it

Amendment 172
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure a balanced

The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure a balanced

representation of relevant public and private *interests*.

representation of relevant public and private *interest groups*.

Or. de

Amendment 173

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission shall be represented in the *hearing* at an appropriate level.

Amendment

3. The Commission shall be represented in the *hearings* at an appropriate level.

Or. it

Amendment 174

Alain Lamassoure

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In the case of a successful citizens' initiative, the Commission shall, within 12 months after the publication of the initiative, submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a legislative proposal in response to the initiative. If the Commission considers that there are good reasons not to submit a legislative proposal, it shall clearly and thoroughly justify its decision. For the purposes of this Article, special attention should be paid to Article 296(2) TFEU and Article 41 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Or. fr

Amendment 175

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In addition to the hearings, the European Parliament shall hold a plenary debate on those citizens' initiatives that successfully meet all of the criteria laid down in this Regulation. That debate may be concluded by the adoption of a resolution calling on the Commission to submit a legislative proposal as referred to in Article 225 TFEU.

Or. it

Amendment 176

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The competent Committee or Committees of the European Parliament may issue after the hearing and before the examination by the Commission an opinion on the initiative, without prejudice of resorting to the procedure laid down in article 225 TFEU with a view to exercising Parliament's right to request the Commission to submit an appropriate proposal.

Or. en

Amendment 177

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

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 14a

Examination by the European Parliament

The European Parliament shall hold a debate on the submitted initiative during the plenary session following the public hearing referred to in Article 14. The debate shall be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution including a European Parliament's recommendation to the Commission on the actions needed as a follow-up to the citizens' initiative.

Or. en

Amendment 178
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Within one month of the submission of ***the*** initiative, the Commission shall receive the group of organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the matters raised by the initiative.

1. Within one month of the submission of ***a valid*** initiative ***in relation to which statements of support have been collected and certified in accordance with Articles 8 to 12***, the Commission shall receive the group of organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the matters raised by the initiative.

Or. it

Amendment 179

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Within one month of the submission of the initiative, the Commission shall receive the group of organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the *matters raised by* the initiative.

Amendment

1. Within one month of the submission of the initiative, the Commission shall receive the group of organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the *purpose of* the initiative.

Or. de

Amendment 180

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.

Amendment

2. Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the public hearing referred to in Article 14(2), the Commission shall set out in a communication *full details of* its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its *detailed* reasons for taking or not taking action.

Or. de

Amendment 181

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the **public hearing** referred to in Article **14(2)**, the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, **if any**, and its reasons for taking or not taking action.

Within five months after the publication of the initiative in accordance with Article 14(1), and after the **European Parliament resolution** referred to in Article **14 b**, the Commission shall set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take and its reasons for taking or not taking action **exhaustively and in full detail**.

Or. en

Amendment 182

Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. If an initiative contains a request for a new draft law to be proposed and the Commission rejects that request, the group of organisers may, within two months, forward their request to the European Parliament so that it can consider using its right to ask the Commission to submit an appropriate proposal under Article 225 TFEU.

Or. cs

Amendment 183

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Isabella Adinolfi, Eleonora Evi

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Commission *and the group of organisers may inform the signatories* on

3. The signatories shall be informed by the Commission on the response to the initiative *without undue delay, including*

the response to the initiative in accordance with Article 17 (2) and (3).

via the organisers. For this purpose, the Commission may inform the signatories in accordance with Article 17 (2) and (3).

Or. it

Amendment 184

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Commission and the group of organisers *may* inform the signatories on the response to the initiative *in accordance with Article 17 (2) and (3)*.

Amendment

3. *When the contact information of the signatories is available in accordance with Articles 17 (2) and (3), the Commission and the group of organisers shall inform the signatories on the response to the initiative.*

Or. en

Amendment 185

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In the case of a successful citizens' initiative, the Commission shall, within six months of its publication, submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a legislative proposal in response to the initiative. If the Commission considers that there are serious reasons suggesting not to submit a legislative proposal, it shall clearly and thoroughly provide a justification for its concerns to the organisers and to the European Parliament. In the absence of any response or actions from the Commission, within six months of the

publication of the initiative, the Commission shall explain to the organisers and to the European Parliament, thoroughly and in detail, why it did not ensure a follow-up. For the purpose of this Article, special attention shall be paid to Article 296(2) TFEU and to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 186

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In the event of a successful citizens' initiative, the Commission shall, within 12 months after the publication of the initiative, submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a proposal in response to the initiative. If the Commission considers that there are good reasons not to submit a legislative proposal, it shall clearly and thoroughly justify its decision.

Or. en

Amendment 187

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15a

Follow-up by the European Parliament

Where the conclusions in the communication of the Commission referred to in Article 15 and the recommendation of the European Parliament referred to in Article 14b differ, the European Parliament may exercise the right conferred on the European Parliament under Article 225 TFEU. When exercising this right, the European Parliament shall organise a second public hearing where the organisers shall be invited.

Representatives of the other institutions and advisory bodies of the Union, as well as interested stakeholders, shall be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing.

Or. en

Amendment 188

Barbara Spinelli

Proposal for a regulation

Article 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 15a

Follow-up to successful citizens' initiatives by the European Parliament

After the six months period referred to in Article 15(3a), the European Parliament shall assess the reply of the Commission to the ECI regardless of it being a legislative proposal or the absence thereof. In particular, it shall hold a plenary debate on this issue, in accordance with its Rules of Procedure. Such a debate may be concluded by the adoption of a motion for resolution. If the Commission does not react, the European Parliament shall consider the possibility

to propose an own-initiative legislative report.

Or. en

Amendment 189

Charles Goerens, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic

Proposal for a regulation

Article 16 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Structure of the ECI Programme and supported actions

In order to achieve its objectives, the Programme shall finance, inter alia, the following types of action:

(a) the development and improvement of the ECI IT systems, including in particular the ECI Register, the central online collection system and the online collaborative platform;

(b) the communication, administration and support of ECI activities that aim to eliminate existing hurdles to citizens using the ECI and to harmonise further the procedure and requirements for the submission of ECIs across the Union;

(c) the provision of legal advice directly linked to the registration process that has been obtained before the registration of an ECI in line with the provisions of Article 6 of this Regulation;

(d) the provision of translations of the registered initiatives and organisation of meetings with the initiatives' organisers;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission shall be entitled to perform random checks on the information submitted in respect of the sources of support and funding, to assess the quality of the information provided and to request additional clarifications from the groups of organisers. Such checks shall aim to ensure transparency of funding and other support provided to groups of organisers and shall be carried out in an effective, impartial and proportionate manner. Sources of support and funding shall mean any offering of financial means or credit offering, any offering in kind, the provision below market value of any goods, services (including loans and the provision of personnel) or works, and/or any other transaction which provides an economic advantage, with the exception of support carried out on a voluntary basis by individuals.

Or. fr

Amendment 191
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Commission shall raise public awareness about the existence of the European citizens' initiative through communication activities and information campaigns, thereby contributing to promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.

1. The Commission, ***Parliament and the Council and the Member States*** shall raise public awareness about the existence of the European citizens' initiative through communication activities and information ***and publicity*** campaigns, thereby contributing to promoting the active participation of citizens in the political life of the Union.

Amendment 192

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall periodically review the functioning of the European citizens' initiative and present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation no later than **five** years from the date of application of this Regulation, and every **five** years thereafter. The reports shall be made public.

Amendment

The Commission shall periodically review the functioning of the European citizens' initiative and present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation no later than **three** years from the date of application of this Regulation, and every **three** years thereafter. The reports shall be made public.

Amendment 193

Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Mercedes Bresso, Jo Leinen

Proposal for a regulation

Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 194

Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall periodically review the functioning of the European citizens' initiative and present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation no later than *five* years from the date of application of this Regulation, and every *five* years thereafter. The reports shall be made public.

Amendment

The Commission shall periodically review the functioning of the European citizens' initiative and present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of this Regulation no later than *three* years from the date of application of this Regulation, and every *three* years thereafter. The reports shall be made public.

Or. cs