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Establishing the Rights and Values programme

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2018)0383 – C8-0234/2018 – 2018/0207(COD))

Amendment 28

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The rule of law, as enshrined in Article 2 TEU, is the backbone of European democracy and is one of the fundamental values of the European Union stemming from the common constitutional traditions of all Member States. Full respect and promotion of the rule of law and democracy is the basic condition for building citizens' trust in the Union. Respect for the rule of law within the Union is also a prerequisite for the protection of fundamental rights, as well as for upholding all rights and obligations deriving from the Treaties.

Or. es

Amendment 29

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) The way in which the rule of law is implemented in the Member States plays a key role in ensuring mutual trust among Member States and in their legal systems. Unfortunately, in certain Member States, infringements of the values and principles of the Treaties are being compounded by serious breaches of agreements adopted by the Union institutions and fresh obstacles in the full implementation of Community law. Actions promoting respect for fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional,

national and transnational level should therefore be supported by the Union.

Or. es

Amendment 30

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Those rights and values must continue to be promoted ***and enforced and shared*** among the citizens and peoples and be at the heart of the EU project.

Therefore, a new Justice, Rights and Values Fund, comprising the Rights and Values and the Justice programmes shall be created in the EU budget. At a time where European societies are confronted with extremism, radicalism and divisions, it is more important than ever to promote, strengthen and defend justice, rights and EU values: human rights, respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law. This will have profound and direct implications for political, social, cultural and economic life in the EU. As part of the new Fund, the Justice Programme will continue to support the further development of Union area of justice and cross-border cooperation. The Rights and Values Programme will bring together the 2014-2020 Programme Rights, Equality and Citizenship established by Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ and the Europe for Citizens programme established by Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014⁹, (hereafter 'the predecessor Programmes').

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⁹ Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 of 14 April 2014 establishing the 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 115, 17.4.2014, p.3)

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Or. en

Amendment 31

Jiří Pospíšil

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Or. cs

Amendment 32

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Justice, Rights and Values Fund and its two underlying funding programmes will focus **primarily** on people and entities, which contribute to make our common values, rights and rich diversity alive and vibrant. The ultimate objective is to nurture and sustain rights-based, equal, inclusive and democratic society. **That includes** a vibrant civil society, **encouraging** people's democratic, civic and social participation and **fostering** the rich diversity of European society, based on our common history and memory. Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union **further specifies** that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the

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Or. en

Amendment 33 **Mairead McGuinness**

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Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union requires that the institutions shall

maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with churches, religious associations or communities, as well as philosophical and non-confessional organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 34
Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 35
Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The Rights and Values programme (the 'Programme') should ***allow developing synergies to tackle the challenges that are common*** to the promotion and protection of values ***and to reach a critical dimension to have*** concrete ***results in the field. That should be achieved by building*** on the ***positive experience*** of the predecessor Programmes. ***This will enable to fully exploit the potential*** of synergies, ***to more effectively support the policy areas covered and to*** increase their potential to reach people. To be effective, the Programme should take into account the specific nature of the different policies, their different target groups and their particular needs through tailor-made approaches.

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(4) The Rights and Values programme (the 'Programme') should ***address the most important*** challenges to the promotion and protection of values, ***taking into account that the challenges may vary across the Union. To ensure concrete impact, the Programme will build*** on the ***lessons*** of the predecessor Programmes. ***It will also take advantage*** of synergies ***with other policies and programmes of the Union and of other actors. This will increase their effectiveness and efficiency and will*** increase their potential to reach people. To be effective, the Programme should take into account the specific nature of the different policies, their different target groups and their particular needs through tailor-made approaches.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Full respect and promotion of the rule of law and democracy is fundamental to building citizens' trust in the Union. Respect for the rule of law within the Union is a prerequisite for the protection of fundamental rights, as well as for upholding all rights and obligations enshrined in the Treaties. The way in which the rule of law is implemented in the Member States plays a vital role in ensuring mutual trust among Member States and their legal systems. The Programme should therefore promote and

safeguard fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Or. en

Amendment 37

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Full respect and promotion of rule of law and democracy is a fundamental Union value. It is also the basic condition for building citizens' trust in the Union as well as between Member States. Respect for the rule of law within the Union is a prerequisite for the protection of fundamental rights, as well as for upholding all rights and obligations deriving from the Treaties. This programme should therefore promote and safeguard fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional, national and transnational level.

Or. en

Amendment 38

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 39
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to make citizens aware of the common history, as the foundation for a common future, moral purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity and sense of belonging together.

Amendment

(6) Remembrance activities and critical reflection on Europe's historical memory are necessary to make citizens aware of the common history ***and core values***, as the foundation for a common future, moral purpose and shared values. The relevance of historical, cultural and intercultural aspects should also be taken into account, as well as the links between remembrance and the creation of a European identity ***based on diversity, solidarity*** and sense of belonging together.

Or. en

Amendment 40
Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 41
Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) Freedom of expression and information is enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Community. Free access to information, evaluation of media framework conditions and the responsible and safe use of information and communication networks are directly linked to free public opinion and are essential for guaranteeing a functional democracy. It is necessary for the public to acquire the media literacy skills necessary for critical thinking and discernment and the ability to analyse complex realities, recognise differences between opinions and facts and resist any form of incitement to hatred. To this end, the Union should promote the development of media literacy for all citizens, regardless of their age, through

Amendment 42

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) Independent human rights bodies and civil society organisations play an essential role in promoting, safeguarding and raising awareness of the Union's common values under Article 2 TEU, and in contributing to the effective enjoyment of rights under Union law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU. As reflected in the European Parliament Resolution of **18** April 2018, adequate financial support is key to the development of a conducive and sustainable environment for civil society organisations to strengthen their role and perform their functions independently and effectively. Complementing efforts at national level, EU funding should therefore contribute to support, empower and build the capacity of independent civil society organisations active in the promotion of **human** rights whose activities help the strategic enforcement of rights under EU law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, including through advocacy and watchdog activities, as well as to promote, safeguard and raise awareness of the Union's common values at national level.

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Amendment 43

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) The Programme should be open, subject to certain conditions, to the participation of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) and EFTA members which are not members of the EEA and other European countries. Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries benefiting from a pre-accession strategy should also be able to participate in the Programme.

Amendment

(20) ***In relation to the implementation of the specific objectives of promoting equality and rights, citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, and combating violence against groups at risk,*** the Programme should be open, subject to certain conditions, to the participation of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) members which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) and EFTA members which are not members of the EEA and other European countries. Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidate countries benefiting from a pre-accession strategy should also be able to participate in the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 44

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to ensure efficient allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, it is necessary to ensure the European added value of all actions carried out, their complementarity to Member States' actions, while consistency, complementarity and synergies shall be sought with funding programmes supporting policy areas with close links to each other, in particular within the Justice, Rights and Values Fund — and thus with

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(21) In order to ensure efficient allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, it is necessary to ensure the European added value of all actions carried out, ***bearing in mind the particular Union added value inherent in any action, including actions carried out at local, regional, national and transnational level, directed at promoting and safeguarding our common values as enshrined in Article 2 TEU,*** their

the Justice Programme — as well as with Creative Europe programme, and Erasmus+ to realise the potential of cultural crossovers in the fields of culture, media, arts, education and creativity. It is necessary to create synergies with other European funding programmes, in particular in the fields of employment, internal market, enterprise, youth, health, citizenship, justice, migration, security, research, innovation, technology, industry, cohesion, tourism, external relations, trade *and* development.

complementarity to Member States' actions, *where actions at Member State level are present*, while consistency, complementarity and synergies shall be sought with funding programmes supporting policy areas with close links to each other, in particular within the Justice, Rights and Values Fund — and thus with the Justice Programme — as well as with Creative Europe programme, and Erasmus+ to realise the potential of cultural crossovers in the fields of culture, media, arts, education and creativity. It is necessary to create synergies with other European funding programmes, in particular in the fields of employment, *social support*, internal market, enterprise, youth, health, citizenship, justice, migration, security, research, innovation, technology, industry, cohesion, tourism, external relations, trade, development, *climate and environmental protection*.

Or. en

Amendment 45 **Michal Boni**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 21**

Text proposed by the Commission

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(21) In order to ensure efficient allocation of funds from the general budget of the Union, it is necessary to ensure the European added value of all actions carried out, *including at local, regional and national level, directed at promoting and safeguarding the values enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union. The Commission is to seek consistency, synergies and* complementarity *with* Member States' actions, *and* with *other* funding programmes supporting policy areas with

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close links to Justice, Rights and Values Fund, *including* with Creative Europe programme, and Erasmus+, *as well as with relevant policies of the Union.*

Or. en

Amendment 46
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No [the new FR] (the ‘Financial Regulation’) applies to this Programme. It lays down rules on the implementation of the Union budget, including the rules on grants, prizes, procurement, indirect implementation, financial assistance, financial instruments and budgetary guarantees.

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Or. en

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Michał Boni

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Or. en

Amendment 48

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden, and the expected risk of non-compliance. This should include

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(24) The types of financing and the methods of implementation under this Regulation should be chosen on the basis of their ability to achieve the specific objectives of the actions and to deliver results, taking into account, in particular, the costs of controls, the administrative burden ***for Commission and beneficiary, capacity of potential beneficiary*** and the

consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates **and** unit costs, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation. In accordance with the Financial Regulation, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95²¹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²² and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939²³ the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) may investigate and prosecute fraud and other criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union as provided for in Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁴ . In accordance with the Financial Regulation, any person or entity receiving Union funds is to fully cooperate in the protection of the Union's financial interests, to grant the necessary rights and access to the Commission, OLAF, the EPPO and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and to ensure that any third parties involved in the implementation of Union funds grant equivalent rights.

expected risk of non-compliance. This should include consideration of the use of lump sums, flat rates, unit costs, **financial support for third parties**, as well as financing not linked to costs as referred to in Article 125(1) of the Financial Regulation. ***Co-funding criteria should be accepted in kind, including in form of voluntary work, and may be waived in cases of limited complementary funding.*** In accordance with the Financial Regulation, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁰ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2988/95²¹ Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96²² and Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939²³ the financial interests of the Union are to be protected through proportionate measures, including the prevention, detection, correction and investigation of irregularities and fraud, the recovery of funds lost, wrongly paid or incorrectly used and, where appropriate, the imposition of administrative sanctions. In particular, in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) may carry out administrative investigations, including on-the-spot checks and inspections, with a view to establishing whether there has been fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the financial interests of the Union. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) may investigate and prosecute fraud and other criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union as provided for in Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁴ . In accordance with the Financial Regulation, any person or entity receiving Union funds is to fully cooperate in the protection of the Union's financial interests, to grant the necessary rights and access to the Commission, OLAF, the EPPO and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and to

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²⁰ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999, (OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1.

²¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95, p.1).

²² Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292.15.11.96,, p.2).

²³ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017,, p.1).

²⁴ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

²⁰ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999, (OJ L248, 18.9.2013, p. 1.

²¹ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests (OJ L 312, 23.12.95, p.1).

²² Council Regulation (Euratom, EC) No 2185/96 of 11 November 1996 concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities (OJ L292.15.11.96,, p.2).

²³ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') (OJ L283, 31.10.2017,, p.1).

²⁴ Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 29).

Or. en

Amendment 49 **Kostas Chrysogonos**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 24 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) In order to increase accessibility and provide guidance and practical information in relation to the Programme, each Member State should set up an independent National Contact Point with a view to providing assistance to both beneficiaries and applicants.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) In order to increase accessibility and provide guidance and practical information in relation to the Programme, Contact Points in Member States should be set up to provide assistance to both beneficiaries and applicants.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(25) Third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also

(25) In relation to the implementation of the specific objectives of promoting equality and rights, citizens' engagement and participation in the democratic life of the Union, and combating violence against groups at risk, third countries which are members of the European Economic Area (EEA) may participate in

participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be introduced in this Regulation to grant the necessary rights for and access to the authorizing officer responsible, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as well as the European Court of Auditors to comprehensively exert their respective competences.

Union programmes in the framework of the cooperation established under the EEA agreement, which provides for the implementation of the programmes by a decision under that agreement. Third countries may also participate on the basis of other legal instruments. A specific provision should be introduced in this Regulation to grant the necessary rights for and access to the authorizing officer responsible, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as well as the European Court of Auditors to comprehensively exert their respective competences.

Or. en

Amendment 52
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 31

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(31) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁶.

deleted

²⁶ Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13)

Or. en

Amendment 53
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

It lays down the objectives of the Programme, the budget for the period 2021 – 2027, the forms of Union funding and the **rules** for providing such funding.

Amendment

It lays down the objectives **and scope** of the Programme, the budget for the period 2021 – 2027, the forms of Union funding and the **conditions** for providing such funding.

Or. en

Amendment 54
Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, **including** by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties, **in particular** by supporting civil society organisations **at local, national and transnational level**, in order to sustain open, **rights-based**, democratic, **equal** and inclusive societies.

Or. en

Amendment 55
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the **EU** Treaties,

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Programme is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the Treaties,

including by supporting civil society organisations, in order to sustain open, democratic and inclusive societies.

including *democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights as enshrined in Article 2 TEU, in particular* by supporting *and building the capacity of* civil society organisations *at local, regional, national and transnational level*, in order to sustain open, *rights-based*, democratic, *equal* and inclusive societies.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) to promote and protect democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights at local, national and transnational level (Union values strand).

Or. en

Amendment 57

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. to promote and safeguard fundamental rights and values, democracy and the rule of law at local, regional, national and transnational level (Union values strand);

Or. en

Amendment 58

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Within the specific objective set out in point (a) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

Amendment

Within the general objective set out in Article 2(1) and within the specific objective set out in point (a) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

Or. en

Amendment 59

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, ***gender***, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Or. es

Amendment 60

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation,

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination on grounds of sex, racial, ***social, cultural*** or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or

and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

sexual orientation, and supporting comprehensive policies to promote gender equality and anti-discrimination and their mainstreaming as well policies to combat racism and all forms of intolerance;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) promoting equality as a universal fundamental right and a core value of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Within the specific objective set out in point (b) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

Within the general objective set out in Article 2(1) and within the specific objective set out in point (b) of Article 2(2), the Programme shall focus on:

Or. en

Amendment 63

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) increasing citizens' understanding of the Union, ***its*** history, cultural heritage ***and*** diversity;

Amendment

(a) increasing citizens' understanding of the Union, ***and its integration, institutions, values and*** cultural heritage, ***which make up European identity in its*** diversity;

Or. es

Amendment 64
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) promoting exchange and cooperation between citizens of different countries; to promote citizens' civic and democratic participation allowing citizens and representative associations to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action;

Amendment

(b) promoting exchange and cooperation between citizens of different countries; to promote citizens' civic and democratic participation allowing citizens and representative associations to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action, ***so as to increase the understanding of a pluralistic and participatory democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights and values;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Mairead McGuinness

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) promoting opportunities for societal, intercultural and inter-religious engagement and volunteering at Union level;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preventing and combating all forms of violence against children, young people and women, as well as violence against other groups at risk;

Amendment

(a) preventing and combating all forms of violence ***in particular*** against children, young people and women, as well as violence against ***all*** other groups at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) supporting and protecting victims of ***such*** violence.

Amendment

(b) supporting and protecting victims of ***violence, including by facilitating and ensuring access to justice, access to victim support services and access to safe police reporting for all victims of*** violence.

Or. en

Amendment 68
Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5a

Union values strand

The programme shall focus on:

- (i) protecting and promoting democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights by providing financial support for independent civil society organisations which cultivate these values at local, national and transnational level;*
- (ii) creating the enabling environment for democratic dialogue between representatives of different views;*
- (iii) protecting and promoting fundamental rights, including strengthening freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, media freedom, and pluralism of the media, academic freedom, freedom of religion or belief and the right to privacy and family life by supporting, empowering and building the capacity of independent civil society organisations active in the promotion of values referred to in Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union.*

Or. en

Amendment 69

Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [**641 705 000**] in current prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [**1 500 000 000**] in current prices.

Or. en

Amendment 70

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [**641 705 000**] in current prices.

Amendment

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of the Programme for the period 2021 – 2027 shall be EUR [**1 974 457 000**] in current prices.

Or. en

Amendment 71

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR [**408.705.000**] for the specific objectives referred to in article 2(2)(a) and 2(2)(c);

Amendment

(a) EUR [**500.000.000**] for the specific objectives referred to in article 2(2)(a) and 2(2)(c);

Or. en

Amendment 72

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) EUR [**408.705.000**] for the specific objectives referred to in article **2(2)(a) and 2(2)(c)**;

Amendment

(a) EUR [**474.457.000**] for the specific objectives referred to in **points (a) and (c) of article 2(2)**;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) EUR [735.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in Article 2(2)(aa) new;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) EUR [233.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in Article 2(2)(b);

(b) EUR [500.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in **point (b) of** Article 2(2);

Or. en

Amendment 75
Michal Boni

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) EUR [233.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in Article 2(2)(b);

(b) EUR [265.000.000] for the specific objective referred to in Article 2(2)(b);

Or. en

Amendment 76
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) EUR [1 000 000 000]for the specific objectives referred to in point (-a) of article 2(2);

Or. en

Amendment 77

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. No less than 65% of funds referred to in Article 6 (2)(a) and Art 6(2)(b) shall be allocated to action grants, operating grants and core funding for civil society organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 78

Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation.

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, ***which shall ensure sound financial management, prudent use of public funds, low administrative burdens for the Programme operator and for beneficiaries as well as accessibility of the Programme funds to potential beneficiaries. The Programme shall provide funding primarily through action grants, annual and multiannual operating grants and core funding. It may use lump sums, unit costs, flat rates and financial assistance for third parties. Co-funding requirements***

shall be accepted in kind and may be waived in cases of limited complementary funding.

Or. en

Amendment 79
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Programme may provide funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation.

Amendment

2. The Programme may provide funding, ***through action grants and multiannual operating grants***, in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation, ***including the use of lump sums, unit costs, flat rates and cascading grants***.

Or. en

Amendment 80
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Actions contributing to the achievement of a specific objective specified in Article 2 may receive funding under this Regulation. In particular, activities listed in Annex I shall be eligible for funding.

Amendment

Actions contributing to the achievement of a ***general or*** specific objective specified in Article 2 may receive funding under this Regulation. In particular, activities listed in Annex I shall be eligible for funding.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Michał Boni

Article 9a

Activities eligible for funding

The general and specific objectives of the Programme referred to in Article 2 shall be pursued in particular, but not exclusively, through support to the following activities carried out by one or several eligible entities:

- (a) awareness raising, public education, promotion and dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies, principles and rights in the areas covered by the Programme and its objectives;***
- (b) analytical monitoring, reporting and advocacy activities to improve the understanding of the situation in the Member States and at Union level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the proper transposition and implementation of Union law, policies and common Union values within Member States;***
- (c) training relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge of the policies and rights in the fields covered and strengthening relevant stakeholders' capability to advocate for the policies and rights in the fields covered;***
- (d) promoting public awareness and understanding of the risks, rules, safeguards and rights in relation to the protection of personal data, privacy, and digital security, as well as addressing targeted misinformation through awareness raising, trainings, studies and monitoring activities;***
- (e) strengthening citizen's awareness of European culture, history, core values and remembrance as well as their sense of solidarity and belonging to the Union;***

- (f) bringing together Europeans of different nationalities and cultures by giving them the opportunity to participate in town-twinning activities and projects;*
- (g) encouraging and facilitating active and inclusive participation in the construction of a more democratic Union as well as raising awareness, promoting and defending rights and values through support to civil society organisations;*
- (h) financing the technical and organisational support to implement Regulation [(EU)No 211/2011], thereby underpinning the exercise by citizens of the right to launch and support European citizens' initiatives;*
- (i) supporting civil society organisations active in the areas covered by the Programme at all levels, as well as developing the capacity of European networks and civil society organisations to contribute to the development, awareness raising and monitoring of the implementation of Union law, policy goals, values and strategies;*
- (j) strengthening the capacity and independence of human rights defenders and civil society organisations monitoring the situation of the rule of law and supporting actions at the local, regional and national level;*
- (k) supporting initiatives and measures to promote and protect freedom and pluralism of the media, and to build capacity for the new challenges such as new media and countering hate speech;*
- (l) support and build capacity for civil society organisations active in promoting and monitoring transparency and integrity of public administration and fighting corruption;*
- (m) supporting civil society organisations active in the area of protection and promotion of fundamental rights, including support for actions to raise awareness of fundamental*

rights and contribute to human rights education;

(n) supporting initiatives and measures to promote and protect freedom and pluralism of the media, and to build capacity for the new challenges such as new media and countering hate speech;

(o) supporting activities aimed at promoting peaceful democratic dialogue between people of different political views.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation.

Amendment

1. Grants under the Programme shall be awarded and managed in accordance with Title VIII of the Financial Regulation **and shall include action grants, multiannual operating grants and cascading grants.**

Or. en

Amendment 83
Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point a – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to **it**;

Amendment

— a Member State or an overseas country or territory linked to **a Member State**;

Or. cs

Amendment 84

Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – point a – indent 2

Text proposed by the Commission

– a third country associated to the Programme;

Amendment

– a third country associated to the Programme ***in accordance with Article 7 of this Regulation;***

Or. cs

Amendment 85

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall apply the partnership principle when deciding its priorities under the Programme and provide for a comprehensive involvement of stakeholders into planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this Programme and its work programmes in accordance with Article 15a.

Or. en

Amendment 86

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Article 13 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The work programme shall be adopted by the Commission by means of

2. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with

an implementing act. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 19.

Article 16 to supplement this Regulation by establishing the appropriate work programme.

Or. en

Amendment 87
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 14 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds and Member States.

Amendment

3. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring programme implementation and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate ***and least burdensome*** reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funds and Member States. ***In order to facilitate reporting requirements being met, the Commission shall make available user-friendly formats and provide orientation and support programmes particularly targeted to social partners and organisations, who may not always have the know-how and adequate resources and staff to meet reporting requirements.***

Or. en

Amendment 88
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the

Amendment

4. The Commission shall communicate the conclusions of the

evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

evaluations accompanied by its observations, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. ***The Commission shall make the evaluation public and easy accessible by publishing it on its website.***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in **Article 14** shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2027.

Amendment

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in **Articles 13 and 14** shall be conferred on the Commission until 31 December 2027

Or. en

Amendment 90
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The delegation of power referred to in **Article 14** may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment

3. The delegation of power referred to in **Articles 13 and 14** may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

Amendment 91
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016.

Amendment

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016. ***When preparing and drawing up delegated acts, the Commission shall ensure a timely and simultaneous transmission of all documents, including the draft acts, to the European Parliament and the Council at the same time as to Member States' experts. Where they consider this necessary, the European Parliament and the Council may each send experts to meetings of the Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts to which Member States' experts are invited.***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

Amendment

5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council. ***Based on the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making, citizens and***

other stakeholders may express their opinion on the draft text of a delegated act during a four-week period. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions shall be consulted on the draft text with respect to the implementation of the Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 93
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to **Article** 14 shall enter into force if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Amendment

6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to **Articles13 and** 14 shall enter into force if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Or. en

Amendment 94
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in

Amendment

1. The recipients of Union funding shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Union funding (in

particular when promoting the actions and their results) by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

particular when promoting the actions and their results), by providing coherent, effective and proportionate targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public ***and, where appropriate, beneficiaries of actions funded in this way and participants therein.***

Or. es

Amendment 95
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions relating to the Programme, and its actions and results. ***Financial resources allocated to the Programme shall also contribute to the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union, as far as they are related to the objectives referred to in Article 2.***

Amendment

2. The Commission shall implement information and communication actions ***at local, regional, national and European level,*** relating to the Programme, and its actions and results.

Or. en

Amendment 96
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Each Member State shall set up an independent National Contact Point with qualified staff tasked with providing the stakeholders and beneficiaries of the Programme with guidance, practical information and assistance regarding all

aspects of the Programme, including in relation to the application procedure and proposal writing, distribution of documentation, partner search, training and other formalities.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 18a

Programme contact points

The Commission shall set up Contact Points in Member States in cooperation with local partners and/or Member States. The contact points shall provide stakeholders and beneficiaries of the Programme with impartial guidance and practical information and assistance in relation to all aspects of the Programme, including in relation to the application procedure, project implementation procedures, reporting and other formalities. The contact points may be managed by Member States or civil society organisations or consortia thereof.

Or. en

Amendment 98
Michał Boni

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Activities of the Programme

deleted

The specific objectives of the Programme referred to in Article 2(2) will be pursued in particular through support to the following activities:

- (a) awareness raising, dissemination of information to improve the knowledge of the policies and rights in the areas covered by the Programme;*
- (b) mutual learning through exchange of good practices among stakeholders to improve knowledge and mutual understanding and civic and democratic engagement;*
- (c) analytical and monitoring activities³¹ to improve the understanding of the situation in the Member States and at EU level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the implementation of EU law and policies ;*
- (d) training relevant stakeholders to improve their knowledge of the policies and rights in the fields covered;*
- (e) information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance;*
- (f) strengthening citizen's awareness of European culture, history and remembrance as well as their sense of belonging to the Union;*
- (g) bringing together Europeans of different nationalities and cultures by giving them the opportunity to participate in town-twinning activities;*
- (h) encouraging and facilitating active participation in the construction of a more democratic Union as well as awareness of rights and values through support to civil society organisations*
- (i) financing the technical and organisational support to implement Regulation [(EU)No 211/2011], thereby underpinning the exercise by citizens of the right to launch and support European citizens' initiatives;*

(j) *developing the capacity of European networks to promote and further develop Union law, policy goals and strategies as well as supporting civil society organisations active in the areas covered by the Programme.*

(k) *enhancing knowledge of the programme and dissemination and transferability of its results and fostering citizen outreach, including by setting up and supporting programme desks/national contact network.*

³¹ These activities include for instance the collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material.

Or. en

Amendment 99
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) analytical **and** monitoring activities³¹ to improve the understanding of the situation in **the** Member States and at **EU** level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the implementation of **EU law and** policies ;

³¹ These activities include for instance the

Amendment

(c) analytical monitoring, **reporting and advocacy** activities³¹ to improve the understanding of the situation in Member States and at **Union** level in the areas covered by the Programme as well as to improve the **transposition and** implementation of **Union law**, policies **and common Union values (such as social cohesion and solidarity) within Member States**;

³¹ These activities include for instance the

collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material.

collection of data and statistics; the development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations; impact assessment; the elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material.

Or. en

Amendment 100

Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance;

Amendment

(e) information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools development and maintenance ***and measures to promote media literacy among the public;***

Or. es

Amendment 101

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) promoting public awareness and understanding of the risks, rules, safeguards and rights in relation to the protection of personal data, privacy, and digital security, as well as addressing fake news and targeted misinformation through awareness raising, trainings, studies and monitoring activities;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) strengthening citizen's awareness of European culture, history and remembrance as well as their sense of belonging to the Union;

Amendment

(f) strengthening citizen's awareness of European ***integration***, culture, history and remembrance as well as their sense of belonging to the Union;

Or. es

Amendment 103

Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) strengthening the capacity and independence of human rights defenders and civil society organisations monitoring the situation of the rule of law and supporting actions at local, regional, national and transnational levels;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) support and build capacity for civil society organisations active in promoting and monitoring integrity, anti-corruption practices, transparency and accountability

of the public authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(kb) supporting whistleblower defence, including initiatives and measures to establish safe channels for reporting within organisations and to public authorities or other relevant bodies, as well as measures to protect whistleblowers against dismissal, demotion or other forms of retaliation, including through information and training for relevant public authorities and stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(kc) supporting initiatives and measures to promote and protect freedom and pluralism of the media and to build capacity for the new challenges such as new media and countering hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(kd) support and build capacity for civil society organisations active in promoting and monitoring integrity, poverty and corruption, transparency and accountability of public authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Kostas Chrysogonos

Proposal for a regulation
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point k e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ke) supporting civil society organisations active in the area of protection and promotion of fundamental rights, including support for actions to raise awareness of fundamental rights and contribute to social support and human rights education.

Or. en