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Subject: 'Wake up, Europe!' European Citizens' Initiative

How does the Commission interpret recital (9) of Regulation (EU) 211/2011 and Article 4(1), third paragraph (regarding regularly updated information on the sources of support and funding for the proposed citizens' initiative) of this same Regulation?

In the Commission's legal opinion, what is the relevance of these organisations within the objective of the Regulation?

What is the extent of the Commission's responsibility as regards the scrutiny of full transparency in this case?

In its joint answer to several Written Questions on the 'Wake up, Europe!' European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), the Commission stated the following: 'The Commission is not entitled to verify whether organisers who are members of an organisation act in accordance with the rules governing the latter'. If this is the case, there is a possible risk that initiatives for which the organisers are representing associations that do not comply with the principle of full transparency could be declared admissible. The organisers could therefore endanger, or even completely invalidate, the main goal of the ECI: the possibility of exercising direct democracy. The Commission could also put its own integrity at risk if it does not act with full caution, particularly in the event of a decision on an ECI being taken by the highest political body of the Commission.