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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann
(PE557.231v01-00)

on the European Citizens' Initiative
(2014/2257(INI))

Amendment 1
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Underlines ***the fact*** that the Citizens' Initiative ***is the first*** tool of participatory democracy that confers the right for EU citizens, based on at least one million statements of support, to take the initiative and ask the Commission to submit, within the framework of its powers, an appropriate proposal on matters on which citizens consider that a legislative act is necessary to implement the treaties;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Underlines the fact that the Citizens' Initiative is the first tool of participatory democracy that confers the right for EU citizens, based on at least one million statements of support ***from at least one-quarter of the EU Member States***, to take the initiative, ***thereby underpinning their new political prerogative***, and ask the Commission to submit, within the framework of its powers, an appropriate proposal on matters on which citizens consider that a legislative act is necessary to implement the treaties;

Or. ro

Amendment 3
Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Regrets however that the law on ECI is unknown, unused and ineffective and therefore powerless, since very few people know of its existence, obstacles are really high and the EU is not even obliged to act, the law has not met expectations of the European citizens, therefore it contributes to a growing frustration of the EU citizens from the functioning of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that a conflict of interest might arise from the application of Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 given that the Commission, to which ECIs are submitted, is also the institution that verifies their admissibility; considers that the registration procedure should be amended so that the admissibility of ECIs is no longer verified by the Commission but by an independent public body;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ia. Welcomes the Commission's Report on the ECI of 1st of April 2015 acknowledging that there is still room to improve the ECI identifying a number of possible issues with a view of improving the instrument; Equally welcomes the European Ombudsman's own-initiative enquiry into the functioning of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) formulating eleven concrete proposals to improve the ECI process;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Considers it essential that citizens can contribute to the exercise of the legislative prerogatives of the Union and be involved directly in the initiation of legislative proposals;

2. Considers it essential that citizens can contribute to the exercise of the legislative prerogatives of the Union and be involved directly in the initiation of legislative proposals; *calls on the Commission in this connection to engage actively, providing the organisers of European Citizens' Initiatives with as many detailed guidelines as possible regarding the interpretation of the legal provisions;*

Or. ro

Amendment 7
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that the Commission refused to register the Stop TTIP ECI on the grounds that it was not covered by the scope of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011; stresses, however, that a mandate for the negotiation of a trade agreement will in due course be reflected in EU law, and that a legal solution needs to be found to enable European citizens to have a real influence on the EU's trade policy choices;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Considers that the scope of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 should be clarified and extended; calls on the Commission to include in its future proposal amending Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 the option for European citizens to launch Citizens' Initiatives with a view to bringing about Treaty amendments in accordance with Article 48 of the Treaty on European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Virginie Rozière

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that more than six million EU citizens have participated in a Citizens' Initiative and that three initiatives, namely 'Right2Water', 'One of Us' and 'Stop Vivisection', were **successful**; points, however, to the various practical difficulties which the organisers have encountered since the entry into force of the regulation in April 2012;

Amendment

3. Notes that more than six million EU citizens have participated in a Citizens' Initiative and that **only** three initiatives, namely 'Right2Water', 'One of Us' and 'Stop Vivisection', were **deemed admissible**; points, however, to the various practical difficulties which the organisers have encountered since the entry into force of the regulation in April 2012;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Or. ro

Amendment 12

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to use all public communication channels to raise awareness of the ECI and facilitate communication of running ECIs, for example by creating a mobile app with information, notifications and possibility of mobile signing;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for a review of the dual role of the Commission, which could give rise to a conflict of interests, bearing in mind that a number of ECI organisers acknowledge the significance and value of its input; calls in this connection on the Commission to consider the European Parliament also as a decision maker, particularly since it is the only institution whose members are directly elected by the EU citizens;

Or. ro

Amendment 14
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Notes that there is a need for a legal entity, but argues that this should be non-mandatory, given the considerable amount of red tape possibly involved in endowing it with binding legal status; calls in addition for risk reduction measures to encourage ECI committee members to take concrete initiatives, the simplification of personal data requirements and the provision of civil liability insurance;

Or. ro

Amendment 15
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Is of the opinion that if in the past three years, only 3 initiatives have reached the threshold of one million signatures out of 51 requests to launch an initiative, shows that much still needs to be done to make sure that the ECI lives up to its full potential;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure comprehensive support, including ***non-binding*** legal advice – for example, by creating a point of contact responsible for the Citizens' Initiative in the Commission representations in all Member States – in view of the difficulty faced by organisers in identifying the relevant treaty and legal provisions on which to base a valid initiative;

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure comprehensive support, including ***free (or pro bono)*** legal advice – for example, by creating a point of contact responsible for the Citizens' Initiative in the Commission representations in all Member States ***with the task of providing information and the necessary advice and assistance for Citizens' Initiatives***– in view of the difficulty faced by organisers in identifying the relevant treaty and legal provisions on which to base a valid initiative;

Or. ro

Amendment 17
Virginie Rozière

Draft opinion
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4. Calls on the Commission to ensure comprehensive support, including non-binding legal advice – for example, by **designating a clearly identified** point of contact responsible for the Citizens' Initiative in the Commission representations in all Member States – in view of the difficulty faced by organisers in identifying the relevant treaty and legal provisions on which to base a valid initiative;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Emil Radev, Eva Paunova

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4. Calls on the Commission to ensure comprehensive support, including non-binding legal advice – for example, by creating a point of contact responsible for the Citizens' Initiative in the Commission representations **and Europe Direct Information Centres** in all Member States – in view of the difficulty faced by organisers in identifying the relevant treaty and legal provisions on which to base a valid initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to undertake to propose a legislative act every time an ECI meets the conditions laid down in Article 2(1) and Article 7 of the Regulation; calls, where the Commission fails to submit a legislative proposal within 12 months, for Parliament's relevant committee to launch an own-initiative report; calls on the European Parliament to modify its Rules of Procedure accordingly;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

József Szájer, Axel Voss, Emil Radev, Eva Paunova

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission, furthermore, to ***revise the list of*** its competences ***on its internet portal and make it more comprehensible and user-friendly***, given that the registration of a large number of submitted citizens' initiatives was rejected on the grounds that they manifestly fell outside the framework of the Commission's competence;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission, furthermore, to ***improve its internet portal in order to make it more comprehensible and user-friendly, especially related to the information on*** its competences ***and the support that can be acquired for a successful application***, given that the registration of a large number of submitted citizens' initiatives was rejected on the grounds that they manifestly fell outside the framework of the Commission's competence;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

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Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Emil Radev, Eva Paunova

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

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independent figure with a view to assessing whether the legal basis of an ECI submitted is correct;

Or. en

Amendment 23
József Szájer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to consider registering only those parts of the initiatives that meet the required conditions. For such a registration, a prior consultation with the applicant citizens committee would be adequate;

Or. en

Amendment 24
József Szájer, Therese Comodini Cachia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses the need for a harmonised procedure for submitting statements of support, as it is unacceptable that EU citizens should be excluded from supporting Citizens' Initiatives *owing to differing personal data submission requirements in the Member States*; calls on the Member States, *as a matter of urgency, to remove the requirement that a personal identification number be provided for a statement of support, as this represents an unnecessary* bureaucratic burden for the collection of statements *of support and also an*

6. Stresses the need *to explore the possibility* for a harmonised procedure for submitting statements of support, as it is unacceptable that EU citizens should be excluded from supporting Citizens' Initiatives. Calls on the Member States *to review their requirements on personal data, as a matter of urgency in order to reduce the unnecessary* bureaucratic burden for the collection of statements;

unnecessary way of checking the identity of a signatory;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the need for a harmonised procedure for submitting statements of support, as it is unacceptable that EU citizens should be excluded from supporting Citizens' Initiatives owing to differing personal data submission requirements in the Member States; calls on the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to remove the requirement that a personal identification number be provided for a statement of support, as this represents an unnecessary bureaucratic burden for the collection of statements of support and also an unnecessary way of checking the identity of a signatory;

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Or. ro

Amendment 26
Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
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differing personal data submission requirements in the Member States; calls ***therefore on the Commission to propose simpler and uniform data requirements across all member states to facilitate EU citizens wishing to sign an ECI, irrespective of their country of residence, for example by creating a single web site and a mobile app***; calls on the Member States, as a matter of urgency, to remove the requirement that a personal identification number be provided for a statement of support, as this represents an unnecessary bureaucratic burden for the collection of statements of support and also an unnecessary way of checking the identity of a signatory;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to redesign the Online Collection Software and statement of support forms to enable signatories to share their email address with ECI organisers on non-mandatory basis, bearing in mind also the needs of persons with disabilities who wish to submit statements of support of ECIs online;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

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Draft opinion

7. Underlines its position that the automatic link between the registration of a Citizens' Initiative and the starting date of the twelve-month period for the collection of statements of support should be removed, ***so that the organisers of Citizens' Initiatives are encouraged to decide themselves when to initiate the collection of statements of support.***

Amendment

7. Underlines its position that the automatic link between the registration of a Citizens' Initiative and the starting date of the twelve-month period for the collection of statements of support should be removed ***and the ECI organisers should have a chance to make a choice in the date for the launch of their ECI, within three months of its registration by the Commission;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Pascal Durand

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 30
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Notes also that the collection period for statements of support could be extended to 18 months;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that liability issues have arisen for the organisers of Citizens' Initiatives owing to the fact that citizens' committees lack legal personality and that this problem could only be solved by revising the regulation;

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Or. en

Amendment 32
József Szájer, Therese Comodini Cachia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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therefore, to explore the possibility of the admittance of the legal personality of the Citizens' Committees referred to in Article 3 (2) of the Regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 34

Pascal Durand

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

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Or. fr

Amendment 35

József Szájer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Requests an EU-wide uniform approach to setting the minimum age for submitting a statement of support; advocates lowering it to 16, given the need to strengthen young people's sense of responsibility regarding the EU and to give them the opportunity to play a role in shaping the further development of the European project;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 36

Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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Or. it

Amendment 37

Emil Radev, Eva Paunova

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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9. Requests an EU-wide uniform approach to setting the minimum age for submitting a statement of support; advocates lowering it to 16, given the need to strengthen young people's sense of responsibility regarding the EU and to give them the opportunity **and motivation** to play a role in shaping the further development of the European project;

Or. bg

Amendment 38
Evelyne Gebhardt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Emphasises that active popular participation in European citizens' initiatives depends crucially on their being publicised in the Member States, and therefore suggests that Member States' national parliaments should mention the European Citizens' Initiative on their official websites;

Or. de

Amendment 39
Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Welcomes the European Economic and Social Committee's willingness to provide free translation services for initiators, thereby facilitating the dissemination of Citizens' Initiatives in all official

10. Calls on the Commission to come up with ideas on the two important aspects of translation and funding of ECIs, welcomes in this context the European Economic and Social Committee's

languages; recognises therein a significant contribution to supporting citizens by enabling them to promote their concerns among the EU population;

willingness to provide free translation services for initiators, thereby facilitating the dissemination of Citizens' Initiatives in all official languages; recognises therein a significant contribution to supporting citizens by enabling them to promote their concerns among the EU population;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

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Or. ro

Amendment 41
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Highlights that the Commission should present at least a first draft of its proposal on a successful ECT within 12 months of its acceptance at the latest;

Amendment 42

József Szájer, Therese Comodini Cachia, Axel Voss, Emil Radev, Eva Paunova

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Underlines the importance of the institutional balance in the process of the evaluation of the applications after registration, therefore, calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of the involvement of the relevant European institutions and bodies, such as the European Parliament, the European Ombudsman, the ECOSOC and the Committee of the Regions;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Suggests that, if the organisers of an ECI ask for a second, supplementary hearing, this request should be given due consideration unless there are important obstacles to its satisfaction;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Notes the important role of the European Ombudsman in investigating into the handling of ECI requests by the Commission, and especially cases of refusal to register an ECI;

Or. en

Amendment 45
József Szájer, Therese Comodini Cachia, Axel Voss, Emil Radev, Eva Paunova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission ***to submit a*** proposal for the revision of the Regulation on the ***Citizen's Initiative as soon as possible***, to make the Citizen's Initiative easier to use ***and more citizen-friendly and*** enable it to fully unfold its potential.

11. Calls on the Commission ***for an appropriate and timely*** proposal for the revision of the Regulation on the ***Citizens' Initiative, to meet the expectations of the European Citizens, and*** to make the Citizen's Initiative easier to use ***in order to*** enable it to fully unfold its potential;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Marlene Mizzi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for the revision of the Regulation on the Citizen's Initiative as soon as possible, to make the Citizen's Initiative easier to use and more citizen-friendly and enable it to fully unfold its potential.

11. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for the revision of the Regulation on the Citizen's Initiative ***and Commission Implementing Regulation 1179/2011*** as soon as possible, to make the Citizen's Initiative easier to use and more citizen-

friendly and enable it to fully unfold its potential;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

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Or. en

Amendment 48

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

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11. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for the revision of the Regulation on the Citizen's Initiative as soon as possible, to make the Citizen's Initiative easier to use and more citizen-friendly and enable it to fully unfold its potential *and to take the necessary measures to ensure transparency and awareness raising, the*

objective being to publicise and promote the European Citizens' Initiative in the media and among the public, encouraging active participation in the mechanism;

Or. ro

Amendment 49

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11b. Calls on the Commission to revise the wording of Article 10 (c) of regulation 211/2011 to allow proper follow-up to a successful ECI, urges the Commission to start preparing a legal act on successful ECIs within 12 months of their submission, in case the Commission fails to do so, the competent committee of the European Parliament will initiate an initiative report after having consulted the ECI organisers and the report should be debated in full plenary followed by vote;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Jiří Maštálka, Kateřina Konečná

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission to come up with a proposal on what to do with ECIs which were not successful, but reached interest of large number of citizens, stresses that the running ECI should serve as a political platform and facilitate public debate on this issue, suggests therefore that a first public hearing in the

*European Parliament should be held if an
ECI reaches 200 000 signatures within
the first six months;*

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