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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
Jytte Guteland
The 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard
(2018/2009(INI))

Amendment 1
Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the 2011 ‘Joint Contribution by ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe towards the European Commission’s monitoring of the implementation of the Gender Goods and Services Directive and the Gender ‘Recast’ Directive in the EU Member States’⁴,*

deleted

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https://www.ilgaeurope.org/sites/default/files/Attachments/report_on_gender_discrimination_in_employment_and_access_to_goods_and_services_1.pdf (accessed 4 January 2018).

Or. bg

Amendment 2
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to reports of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), in particular its Rule of Law Checklist^{8a}*

^{8a}

[http://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/default.aspx?pdffile=CDL-AD\(2016\)007-e](http://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/default.aspx?pdffile=CDL-AD(2016)007-e)

Amendment 3
Jytte Guteland, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the European Parliament report of 12 March 2014 on evaluation of justice in relation to criminal justice and the rule of law (2014/2006(INI) (A7-0122/2014)*

Amendment 4
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the Commission has published the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard, **a** comparative, non-binding tool assessing the effectiveness of national justice systems, in order to better define Member States' justice policies, focusing for that purpose on the parameters of justice systems that contribute to an improved business, investment and consumer climate in the Union;

A. whereas the Commission has published the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard, **an informative**, comparative, non-binding tool assessing **in principle** the effectiveness, **independence and quality** of national justice systems, in order to **pinpoint any shortcomings, identify good practice and progress and** better define Member States' justice policies, focusing for that purpose on the parameters of justice systems that contribute to an improved business, investment and consumer climate in the Union;

Amendment 5

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the fifth EU Justice Scoreboard analyses in particular issues relating to public access to legal proceedings, the independence of the judiciary as perceived by individuals and the business sector, current use of information and communications technologies (ICT) in the justice system and the operation of national justice systems in specific areas relating to the single market and the business sector, while also presenting an initial overview of the functioning of national criminal justice systems in enforcing EU anti-money laundering legislation;

Or. ro

Amendment 6

Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard does not present an overall ranking of national justice systems;

B. whereas the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard does not present an overall ranking of national justice systems *and does not intent to put one system before another;*

Or. en

Amendment 7

Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas on the other hand the Justice Scoreboard should be a useful handbook offering an overview of best practices to be used by Member States in the area of civil, commercial and administrative justice ;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas much data regarding certain Member States is still unavailable; whereas there are discrepancies in the quantity and specific content of data provided by certain Member States;*

Or. ro

Amendment 9
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard focuses mainly on civil, commercial and administrative justice;

C. whereas the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard focuses mainly on civil, commercial and administrative justice, **but also presents a first overview of the functioning of national systems when applying EU anti-money laundering**

legislation in criminal justice;

Or. en

Amendment 10

António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard focuses mainly on civil, commercial and administrative justice;

Amendment

C. whereas the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard focuses mainly on civil, commercial and administrative justice, *as well as on the rule of law as the basis for an effective justice system;*

Or. pt

Amendment 11

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas this non-binding exercise has the merits of identifying both positive and negative trends and of offering a forum for exchange of best practices across the Union;

Amendment

D. whereas this non-binding exercise has the merits of identifying both positive and negative trends and of offering a forum for exchange of best practices across the Union *to promote and guarantee compliance with the rule of law;*

Or. ro

Amendment 12

Heidi Hautala, Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas this non-binding exercise has the merits of identifying both positive and negative trends and of offering a forum for exchange of best practices across the Union;

Amendment

D. whereas this non-binding exercise has the merits of identifying both positive and negative trends and of offering a forum for *peer learning and* exchange of best practices across the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas independent, efficient and quality justice systems are key for upholding of the rule of law, the fairness of judicial proceedings and the trust of citizens and businesses in the legal system;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas justice is a value in and of itself and is an essential part of the rule of law, in particular as regards citizens' access to justice and respect for the rules of a fair trial;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Heidi Hautala, Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas giving information about the justice system in a user-friendly manner is a pre-requisite to access to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the effectiveness of justice system is inseparable from judicial independence;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas justice must be adapted to meet the new challenges faced by the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas effective justice systems support economic growth, defend fundamental rights and underpin the proper application of EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dd. whereas the role of Member States' justice systems is crucial for ensuring that individuals and businesses can fully enjoy their rights, as well as for strengthening mutual trust and for building a business and investment-friendly environment in the single market;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Recital D e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

De. whereas independence, quality and efficiency are key elements of an effective

justice system;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Takes note of the 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard *with great interest* and calls on the Commission to further promote this exercise in accordance with the Treaties and in consultation with the Member States;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 22

Jytte Guteland, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Emphasises that the establishment of a Justice Scoreboard in criminal matters will make a fundamental contribution to creating a common understanding of EU legislation in the field of criminal law among judges and prosecutors, thus strengthening mutual trust;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Jytte Guteland, Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Calls on the Commission to continue expanding the Justice scoreboard's scope through the use of objective indicators in more areas of justice, including criminal justice;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Calls on the Member States that any justice reform should uphold the rule of law and comply with European standards on judicial independence;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1d. Encourages the Commission to continue monitoring national justice reforms in the framework of the European Semester, which also draws on information from the EU Justice Scoreboard;

Amendment 26
Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses*** that an effective and independent justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting consumers ***and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;***

Amendment

2. ***Stresses*** that an effective and independent ***national*** justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting consumers;

Amendment 27
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses that an effective and independent justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting consumers and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;

Amendment

2. Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses that an effective, ***high quality*** and independent justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting ***fundamental rights, especially those of*** consumers and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;

Amendment 28
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses that an *effective and* independent justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting consumers and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;

Amendment

2. Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses that an independent, *efficient and quality* justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting consumers and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses that an effective and independent justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting consumers and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;

Amendment

2. Supports the aim of this exchange and stresses that an effective and independent justice system could give businesses incentives to develop and invest at national and cross-border level, while at the same time protecting *citizens*, consumers and workers, thus boosting their economic contribution;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Geoffroy Didier, Francis Zammit Dimech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Reminds that justice affirms the rule of law in society and ensures everyone's right to a fair trial by an independent and impartial court with a view of protecting of European values;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes the importance of judicial benchmarking for cross-border mutual trust, for effective cooperation between justice institutions ***and for the creation of a common judicial area and a European judicial culture***; encourages the Commission, therefore, to continue developing concrete indicators ***to assess, in practice, the upholding of EU values such as the rule of law or respect for fundamental rights***;

Amendment

3. Notes the importance of judicial benchmarking for cross-border mutual trust ***and*** for effective cooperation between ***national*** justice institutions; encourages the Commission, therefore, to continue developing concrete indicators ***so as to improve benchmarking***;

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes the importance of judicial benchmarking for cross-border mutual trust, for effective cooperation between justice institutions and for the creation of a common judicial area and a European judicial culture; encourages the

Amendment

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Commission, therefore, to continue developing concrete indicators to assess, in practice, the upholding of EU values such as the rule of law *or* respect for fundamental rights;

Commission, therefore, to continue developing concrete indicators to assess, in practice, the upholding of EU values such as the rule of law *and* respect for fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Calls on the Commission to develop new criteria for better assessing the conformity of judicial systems with the rule of law, drawing in particular on the Commission of Venice's Rule of Law Checklist;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Points out that, although data is still lacking for certain Member States, the data gap has continued to decrease, in particular for indicators relating to the efficiency of justice systems; notes that remaining difficulties in gathering data are often due to insufficient statistical capacity or to the fact that the national categories for which data are collected do not exactly correspond to the ones used for the Scoreboard; only in very few cases*

is the data gap is due to the reluctance of certain national authorities to contribute;

Or. ro

Amendment 35
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Welcomes the Commission's efforts to assess, for the first time, certain aspects of criminal justice relating to the fight against money laundering; deplores the fact that this assessment will last only as the relevant judicial proceedings; calls on the Commission to assess all aspects of criminal justice;*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to provide measurable data and draw concrete conclusions on how Member States have improved or may yet improve the quality and efficiency of their justice systems; regrets that there are still instances where, though applicable or available, no data have been provided by some Member States for certain categories; calls on Member States, *therefore*, to fully collaborate with the Commission by sharing relevant, up-to-date data;

5. Welcomes the efforts of the Commission to provide measurable data and draw concrete conclusions on how Member States have improved or may yet improve the quality and efficiency of their justice systems; regrets that there are still instances where, though applicable or available, no data have been provided by some Member States for certain categories; ***urges the Commission to improve cooperation with the contact points for the Member States' national judiciaries and***

with various committees and European judicial networks, so as to reduce the gaps in data collected;. calls on Member States, *at the same time*, to fully collaborate with the Commission by sharing relevant, up-to-date data;

Or. ro

Amendment 37

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Commission to provide measurable data and draw concrete conclusions on how Member States have improved *or may yet improve* the quality and efficiency of their justice systems; *regrets that there are still instances where, though applicable or available, no data have been provided by some Member States for certain categories*; calls on Member States, therefore, to fully collaborate with *the Commission* by sharing relevant, up-to-date data;

Amendment

5. *Takes note of* the efforts of the Commission to provide measurable data and draw concrete conclusions on how Member States have improved the quality and efficiency of their justice systems; calls on Member States, therefore, to fully collaborate with *each other* by sharing relevant, up-to-date data;

Or. fr

Amendment 38

António Marinho e Pinto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Commission to *provide* measurable data and *draw* concrete conclusions on how

Amendment

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Member States have improved or may yet improve the quality and efficiency of their justice systems; ***regrets that there are still instances where, though applicable or available, no data have been provided by some Member States for certain categories; calls on Member States, therefore, to fully collaborate with the Commission by sharing relevant, up-to-date data;***

how Member States have improved or may yet improve the quality and efficiency of their justice systems, ***especially as regards the status and appointment of judges, their independence, and gender equality; calls on Member States, therefore, to intensify their efforts to make data comparable and to fully collaborate with the Commission by supplying the data requested; stresses that the Commission must keep reducing data differences in order to help Member States achieve their priorities;***

Or. pt

Amendment 39
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States to examine the results of the 2017 Justice Scoreboard closely and to determine what lessons need to be drawn therefrom;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States to examine the results of the 2017 Justice Scoreboard closely and to determine what lessons need to be drawn therefrom ***and to consider whether national measures need to be adopted to correct any irregularities regarding the quality, efficiency and independence of their national justice systems;***

Or. ro

Amendment 40
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls on the Member States to examine the results of the 2017 Justice Scoreboard closely and to determine what lessons need to be drawn therefrom;

6. Calls on the Member States to examine the results of the 2017 Justice Scoreboard closely and to determine what lessons need to be drawn therefrom *in order to improve their justice systems*;

Or. en

Amendment 41
António Marinho e Pinto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Member States to examine the results of the 2017 Justice Scoreboard closely and to determine what lessons need to be drawn therefrom;

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. pt

Amendment 42
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that many Member States have maintained their efforts to improve the effectiveness of their national justice systems through the introduction of reforms; welcomes the fact that a significant number of new reforms have been announced in respect of legal aid, alternative dispute resolution methods (ADR), court specialisation and judicial maps;

Or. ro

Amendment 43
Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Member States to closely cooperate with the European Commission, especially via the informal group of national experts from Ministries and respective justice systems, to fill the lasting data gaps under some categories of Justice Scoreboard ;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of efficient and timely proceedings in strengthening consumer protection and safeguarding intellectual property and data privacy rights; notes with concern that such proceedings are still too lengthy in some Member States;

7. Underlines the importance of efficient and timely proceedings in strengthening consumer protection and safeguarding intellectual property and data privacy rights; notes with concern that such proceedings are still too lengthy in some Member States; ***notes, with regard to these proceedings and the justice system as a whole, that it is necessary to respect the right of all European citizens to a legal hearing of their case within a reasonable time, pursuant to Article 6(1) of the European Convention of Human Rights;***

Or. ro

Amendment 45

António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of efficient and timely proceedings *in* strengthening consumer protection and safeguarding intellectual property and data privacy rights; notes with concern that such proceedings are still too lengthy in some Member States;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of efficient and timely proceedings *for citizens' fundamental rights and social rights in particular, including the matters of* strengthening consumer protection and safeguarding intellectual property and data privacy rights; notes with concern that such proceedings are still too lengthy in some Member States; *points out in addition that a large backlog of pending cases might also make citizens and businesses less willing to trust the judicial system, trust being the cornerstone of respect for the rule of law;*

Or. pt

Amendment 46

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines the importance of efficient and timely proceedings in strengthening consumer protection and safeguarding intellectual property and data privacy rights; *notes with concern that such proceedings are still too lengthy in some Member States;*

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of efficient and timely proceedings in strengthening consumer protection and safeguarding intellectual property and data privacy rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 47

Geoffroy Didier, Francis Zammit Dimech

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Reiterates that reasonable time-limits of proceedings serve the purpose of legal certainty, which is the key requirement for the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. **Encourages** Member States to invest in the continued development and use of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible and comprehensible to all EU citizens, including those with any form of disability; emphasises the benefit of ICT systems in reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency and quality of justice systems, and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached in all Member States;

8. **Points out that the electronic submission of claims, the possibility of monitoring and conducting proceedings online and electronic communication between courts and lawyers help to make the justice system more efficient, offering easier access to justice and reducing delays and costs; notes also that online access to judgments helps to make the justice system more transparent and comprehensible and ensure that case law is more consistent; encourages** Member States, **therefore**, to invest in the continued development and use of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible and comprehensible to all EU citizens, including those with any form of disability; emphasises the benefit of ICT systems **for both cross-border cooperation between the Member States' judicial authorities and at national level** in reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency and quality of justice systems,

and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached in all Member States;

Or. ro

Amendment 49

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages Member States to invest in the continued development and use of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible and comprehensible to all EU citizens, including those with *any form of* disability; *emphasises the benefit of ICT systems in reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency and quality of justice systems, and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached in all Member States;*

Amendment

8. Encourages Member States to invest in the continued development and use of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible and comprehensible to all EU *Member State* citizens, including those with *a* disability;

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages Member States to invest in the continued development and use of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible and comprehensible to all EU citizens, including those with any form of disability; emphasises the benefit of ICT systems in

Amendment

8. Encourages Member States to invest in the continued development and use of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible and comprehensible to all EU citizens, including those with any form of disability, *vulnerable groups and also made*

reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency and quality of justice systems, and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached in all Member States;

available in the languages of national minorities and/or migrants.; emphasises the benefit of ICT systems in reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency and quality of justice systems, and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 51
António Marinho e Pinto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages Member States to invest in the ***continued development and use*** of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible ***and comprehensible to*** all EU citizens, ***including*** those with any form of disability; emphasises the benefit of ICT systems in reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency ***and quality*** of justice systems, and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached ***in all Member States***;

Amendment

8. Encourages Member States to invest in the ***use and continued development*** of ICT tools in their judicial systems, in an effort to make them more accessible, ***more comprehensible, and easier to use for*** all EU citizens, ***especially*** those with any form of disability; emphasises the benefit of ICT systems in reducing costs for all stakeholders involved and in improving the overall efficiency of justice systems; and regrets that their full potential has not yet been reached ***throughout the whole of Europe***;

Or. pt

Amendment 52
Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Welcomes the transparency in

most Member States regarding the publication of court rulings; at the same time, calls on the Member States to publish online all court rulings in civil/commercial and administrative cases as this will help citizens and businesses become better acquainted with the judicial system;

Or. bg

Amendment 53

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need to intensify and diversify the scope of training offered to judges, namely in the fields of gender **structures**, judicial ethics, IT skills, court management and communication with parties and the press; **underlines furthermore the importance of adequate training in EU law and different EU cooperation structures, such as Eurojust;**

Amendment

9. Highlights the need to intensify and diversify the scope of training offered to judges, namely in the fields of gender **equality**, judicial ethics, IT skills, court management and communication with parties and the press;

Or. fr

Amendment 54

António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Highlights the need to intensify and diversify the scope of training offered to judges, namely in the fields of gender **structures**, judicial ethics, IT skills, **court** management and communication with

Amendment

9. Highlights the need to intensify and diversify the scope of training offered to judges, namely in the fields of gender **mainstreaming**, judicial ethics, IT skills, **judicial** management, **mediation**, and

parties and the press; underlines furthermore the importance of adequate training in EU law and different EU cooperation structures, such as Eurojust;

communication with parties and *with* the press; underlines furthermore the importance of adequate training in EU law and *in the* different EU cooperation structures, such as Eurojust;

Or. pt

Amendment 55
Heidi Hautala, Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Notes that in specific areas of EU law, such as copyright and privacy legislation, the correct and efficient application of the legislation may need understanding of not just the law but also of technological developments; therefore underlines that continuous and systematic training of judges and other legal experts is needed to ensure a coherent and high quality application and efficient enforcement of EU law;*

Or. en

Amendment 56
Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Calls on the Member States to encourage specialised training for legal professionals and to introduce periodic or specialist training for judges. Calls in this context for more training opportunities to be provided for judges in another Member*

State with the aim of exchanging experiences and good practices.

Or. bg

Amendment 57

Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Encourages Member States and European institutions to support the further development of mediation at European level; calls on the Commission to assess systematically the impacts of mediation in the European judicial systems;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Geoffroy Didier, Francis Zammit Dimech

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States to invest more in development of judicial trainings and continuous education for judges as this is a basis for an efficient, independent and impartial judicial system;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Heidi Hautala, Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. *Notes that the specialisation of judges and courts seem to have positive effect on efficiency as well as quality of the justice system; asks the Commission to examine this further in next year's exercise;*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Asks the Commission to consider collective redress procedures in next year's comparative exercise on accessibility factors of justice systems, as it is increasingly significant for facilitating access to justice and efficient dispute resolution;* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Asks the Commission to consider collective redress procedures in next year's comparative exercise on accessibility factors of justice systems, as* **deleted**

it is increasingly significant for facilitating access to justice and efficient dispute resolution;

Or. bg

Amendment 62
Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to consider collective redress procedures in next year's comparative exercise on accessibility factors of justice systems, as it is increasingly significant for facilitating access to justice and efficient dispute resolution;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 63
António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Asks the Commission to *consider* collective redress procedures *in* next year's comparative exercise on accessibility factors of justice systems, as it *is increasingly significant for facilitating* access to justice and efficient dispute resolution;

10. *Calls on* the Commission to *add* collective redress procedures *to* next year's comparative exercise on accessibility factors of justice systems, as it *believes* access to justice and efficient dispute resolution *to be of prime importance; considers them a major tool for strengthening consumer, environmental, and health protection in Europe as a whole, in areas in which large numbers of applicants are directly affected;*

Amendment 64
Heidi Hautala, Max Andersson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Agrees that availability of online information in a user-friendly manner contributes significantly to the accessibility of justice for citizens and businesses; calls on Member States to systematically publish judgments rendered, in particular in Intellectual Property Right cases, to enable and facilitate peer learning and legal and other research and to contribute to the coherent application of EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission to submit a substantial reform of collective redress procedures to facilitate citizens' access to justice and efficient dispute resolution and to consequently eliminate unreasonable barriers, notably for citizens living below the poverty threshold or involved in cases with cross-border dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. **Highlights** that legal aid for consumers below the poverty threshold remains an essential balancing factor; underlines the role of legal aid in guaranteeing that weaker parties may also have access to justice, a fundamental right under EU *law*;

Amendment

11. **Points out that most Member States require parties to pay a court fee when initiating legal proceedings; points out that the difficulty in obtaining legal aid could be a major deterrent where court fees represent a significant share of the value of the claim; highlights** that legal aid for consumers below the poverty threshold remains an essential balancing factor **and urges the Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure an efficient and equitable system of legal assistance; calls in addition for national court websites to contain interactive tools enabling citizens to find out whether they are eligible for legal aid**; underlines the role of legal aid in guaranteeing that weaker parties may also have access to justice, a fundamental right under EU *legislation*;

Or. ro

Amendment 67
Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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have access to justice, a fundamental right under EU law;

have access to justice, a fundamental right under EU law; *in this context, encourages the Member States to provide legal aid to citizens, based on their income, in consumer protection cases, as this will help citizens better protect their rights as consumers;*

Or. bg

Amendment 68

António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Highlights that legal aid for consumers below the poverty threshold remains an essential balancing factor; underlines the role of legal aid in guaranteeing that weaker parties *may also* have access to justice, a fundamental right *under EU law*;

Amendment

11. Highlights that legal aid for consumers below the poverty threshold remains an essential balancing factor; underlines the role of legal aid in guaranteeing that weaker parties *can* have access to justice *on equal terms, which is* a fundamental right *in the EU*; *points out that legal aid should be linked to the poverty threshold in Member States; maintains that legal costs should, in general, be lowered still further, for example by making use of national electronic eJustice portals*;

Or. pt

Amendment 69

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Highlights that legal aid for *consumers* below the poverty threshold

Amendment

11. Highlights *the fact* that legal aid for *those* below the poverty threshold *is* an

remains an essential *balancing* factor;
*underlines the role of legal aid in
guaranteeing that weaker parties may also
have access to justice, a fundamental right
under EU law;*

essential factor *for* justice;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Highlights that legal aid for consumers below the poverty threshold remains an essential balancing factor; underlines the role of legal aid in guaranteeing that weaker parties may also have access to justice, a fundamental right under EU law;

Amendment

11. *Points out that the availability of legal aid and the level of court fees have a key impact on access to justice, in particular for citizens in poverty;* highlights that legal aid for consumers below the poverty threshold remains an essential balancing factor; underlines the role of legal aid in guaranteeing that weaker parties may also have access to justice, a fundamental right under EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Evelyn Regner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

11a. *Calls on the Commission to introduce during next year's exercise a new indicator on preventive legal services in order to demonstrate how legal costs, both public and private vary among different Member States, to emphasize how much of the economic resources*

Amendment

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spent on legal matters are influenced by the underlying legal system and to make the interdependencies of a system of administration of justice for preventive purpose visible; the role of notaries, lawyers and state appointed agents with power to govern ex-ante contract information in between private as well as business parties should be analysed;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Stresses the need for a low Value Added Tax (VAT) for the provision of legal services at European level, in order to facilitate access to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings in LGBTI discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

deleted

Amendment 74
Emil Radev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings in LGBTI discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

deleted

Amendment 75
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings in LGBTI discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

deleted

Amendment 76

Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings in LGBTI discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 77

António Marinho e Pinto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, *during* next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for *the* LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings in LGBTI discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, *before the close of* next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for *minority groups or vulnerable people*;

Or. pt

Amendment 78

Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings *in LGBTI discrimination cases* or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community *as well as for the communities of vulnerable groups (such as Roma people, homeless people, persons with disabilities or people below the poverty threshold)*, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings *in LGBTI* discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to introduce, during next year's exercise, a new indicator on access to justice for the *vulnerable groups and or minorities such as the* LGBTI community, for example concerning access to legal aid, the length of proceedings in discrimination cases or, where applicable, the impact of measures such as the reversed burden of proof;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Tadeusz Zwiefka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. *Asks the European Commission to consider in the next Justice Scoreboard exercises the inclusion of information on the access to justice for any groups which could possibly be underprivileged due to disability, gender, sexual orientation etc. in order to identify any possible obstacles;*

Or. en

Amendment 81

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Stresses the need to address the still existing gender balance disparities ***and considerable ratio gaps*** among judges, namely in higher instance courts/supreme courts, at both national and European level; ***takes note with regret of the recent negative development in the proportion of female professional judges in some Member States;***

13. Stresses the need to address the still existing gender balance disparities among judges, namely in higher instance courts/supreme courts, at both national and European level;

Or. fr

Amendment 82

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. ***Highlights that there is still much to do in terms of gender equality in the judicial professions across Europe, for example in terms of gender stereotypes,***

deleted

transparency in appointments, reconciliation between work and non-work responsibilities or the existence of mentoring practices; emphasises the clear discrepancy between the proportion of female professionals at lower levels of the judiciary (including non-judge staff) and that at the higher court and prosecution levels;

Or. fr

Amendment 83

António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Highlights that there is still much to do in terms of gender equality in the judicial professions across Europe, *for example* in terms of gender stereotypes, transparency in appointments, reconciliation between work and non-work responsibilities or the existence of mentoring practices; emphasises the clear discrepancy between the *proportion* of female professionals at lower levels of the judiciary (including *non-judge staff*) and *that* at the higher court and prosecution levels;

Amendment

14. Highlights that there is still much to do in terms of gender equality in the judicial professions across Europe, *not least as regards access to the office of judge, and* in terms of gender stereotypes, transparency in appointments, reconciliation between work and non-work responsibilities or the existence of mentoring practices; emphasises the clear discrepancy between the *proportions* of female professionals at lower levels of the judiciary (including *non-judicial officers*) and at the higher court and prosecution levels; *urges the Member States, therefore, to direct their efforts towards learning support, especially in the field of higher education for women in the judicial professions, and to encourage a positive attitude to female judges, who should be viewed as a social asset;*

Or. pt

Amendment 84

Evelyne Gebhardt

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Expresses its concern about the decline in the proportion of female judges in some Member States, in particular female judges at second instance and at Supreme Courts;

Or. en

**Amendment 85
Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recalls the 2015 Joint Statement by the European Parliament and the Council stating that Member States should, to the greatest possible extent and in view of the objective of achieving equality between men and women laid down in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union, ensure an equal presence of women and men when appointing candidates as judges at the General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union; *deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 86
Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

15. Recalls the 2015 Joint Statement by the European Parliament and the Council stating that Member States should, to the greatest possible extent and in view of the objective of achieving equality between men and women laid down in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union, ensure an equal presence of women and men when appointing candidates as judges at the General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union;

Amendment

15. Recalls the 2015 Joint Statement by the European Parliament and the Council stating that Member States should, to the greatest possible extent and in view of the objective of achieving equality between men and women laid down in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union, ensure an equal presence of women and men when appointing candidates as judges at the General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union; ***urges the Member States to set a good example;***

Or. en

Amendment 87

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. ***Underlines*** that, while over half of the Member States increased expenditure on the judicial system per inhabitant in 2015, the determination of financial resources is still mostly based on historical or actual costs instead of actual workload or number of court requests;

Amendment

16. ***Notes*** that, while over half of the Member States increased expenditure on the judicial system per inhabitant in 2015, the determination of financial resources is still mostly based ***too often*** on historical or actual costs instead of actual workload or number of court requests;

Or. fr

Amendment 88

Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines that, while over half of

Amendment

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the Member States increased expenditure on the judicial system per inhabitant in 2015, the determination of financial resources is still mostly based on historical *or actual* costs instead of actual workload or number of court requests;

the Member States increased expenditure on the judicial system per inhabitant in 2015, the determination of financial resources is still mostly based on historical costs instead of actual workload or number of court requests;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Welcomes the increased use of alternative dispute resolution systems in most Member States, in particular that of the European online dispute resolution (ODR) platform for consumers and traders;

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Or. fr

Amendment 90

Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Welcomes the increased use of alternative dispute resolution *systems* in most Member States, in particular that of the European online dispute resolution (ODR) platform for consumers and traders;

17. Welcomes the increased use of alternative dispute resolution *mechanisms* in most Member States, in particular that of the European online dispute resolution (ODR) platform for consumers and traders;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Tadeusz Zwiefka, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Takes note of the lack of data availability in the field of matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility; encourages the Commission to include such data in the EU Justice Scoreboard when made available by the Member States, possibly as a midterm objective to be put in place after completion of the review of the Council Regulation No 2201/2003 on Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility and on international child abduction";

Or. en

Amendment 92
Evelyne Gebhardt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Asks the Member States to improve user-friendly online information which enable citizens to find whether they are eligible for legal aid, including accessible online information for persons, who are visually impaired;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Daniel Buda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Calls* on Member States to give great consideration to the fact that a strong, independent judicial system relies, on the one hand, on the lack of interference or pressure from government and *politics* and, on the other hand, on effective guarantees provided by the status and position of judges;

Amendment

18. *Reiterates that an independent judiciary is of the essence when it comes to upholding the rule of law, the fairness of judicial proceedings and the confidence of individual citizens and the business sector in the judicial system; calls* on Member States, *therefore*, to give great consideration to the fact that a strong, independent judicial system relies, on the one hand, on the lack of *political* interference or pressure (from government and *politicians*), *as well as the absence of economic interference or pressure*, and, on the other hand, on effective guarantees provided by the status and position of judges;

Or. ro

Amendment 94
António Marinho e Pinto, Jean-Marie Cavada, Jens Rohde

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on Member States to give *great* consideration to the fact that a strong, independent judicial system relies, on the one hand, on the lack of interference or pressure from government and politics and, on the other hand, on effective guarantees provided by the status and position of judges;

Amendment

18. Calls on Member States to give *greater* consideration to the fact that a strong, independent judicial system *is a key element of an effective justice system, which is in turn central to respect for the rule of law; points out that an independent judicial system* relies, on the one hand, on the lack of interference or pressure from government and politics *or from economic vested interests* and, on the other hand, on effective guarantees provided by the status and position of judges *and on their financial situation*;

Amendment 95
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. *States that sufficient autonomy must be ensured to shield prosecutorial authorities from undue political influence. Calls therefore on the Commission to include, in the part of the Scoreboard that deals with the independence of the judiciary, a section devoted to the status of public prosecutors and their autonomy;*

Or. en

Amendment 96
Kostas Chrysogonos, Jiří Maštálka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. *Underlines that judicial independence is a fundamental element of an effective justice system and vital for upholding the rule of law, the fairness of judicial proceedings and the trust of citizens and businesses in the legal system;*

Or. en

Amendment 97
Geoffroy Didier, Francis Zammit Dimech

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Emphasises that independence of judiciary is an important part of the fundamental principle of democracy. Judiciary should not be a subject of political or economic or any other kind of manipulation;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Jytte Guteland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Invites the Commission to continue assessing legal safeguards for judicial independence, including in cooperation with networks of the Supreme Courts and the Councils for the Judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Gilles Lebreton, Marie-Christine Boutonnet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Points out the importance of impartial, i.e. free from arbitrary executive discretion, and comprehensive mechanisms for the appointment, evaluation, transfer or dismissal of

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judges;

Or. fr