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Amendment 1
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the number of petitions received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the ***number nevertheless*** indicates that ***EU citizens are aware, and make use***, of the right to petition, ***and expect to draw*** the attention of the EU institutions ***to matters which they are concerned about, through the petition procedure***;

Amendment

C. whereas the number of petitions received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the ***overall number*** indicates that ***greater efforts are needed to increase the awareness of EU citizens on*** the right to petition; ***whereas in exercising that right to petition, citizens expect, by drawing*** the attention of the EU institutions, ***that the issues which concern them will be treated appropriately***;

Or. it

Amendment 2
Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the number of petitions received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the number ***nevertheless*** indicates that EU citizens are aware, and make use, of the right to petition, and expect to draw the attention of the EU institutions to matters which they are concerned about, through the petition procedure;

Amendment

C. whereas the number of petitions received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the number indicates that ***a portion of*** EU citizens are aware, and make use, of the right to petition, and expect to draw the attention of the EU institutions to matters which they are concerned about, through the petition procedure; ***whereas, however, more needs to be done to promote the right to petition the European Parliament***;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the ***number of*** petitions ***received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the number nevertheless indicates*** that EU citizens are aware, and make use, of the right to petition, and expect to draw the attention of the EU institutions to matters which they are concerned about, through the petition procedure;

Amendment

C. whereas the petitions ***indicate*** that EU citizens are aware, and make use, of the right to petition, and expect to draw the attention of the EU institutions to matters which they are concerned about, through the petition procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the number of petitions received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the number nevertheless indicates that EU citizens are aware, and make use, of the right to petition, and expect to draw the attention of the EU institutions to matters which they are concerned about, through the petition procedure;

Amendment

C. whereas the number of petitions received is modest compared to the EU's total population; whereas the number nevertheless indicates that EU citizens are aware, and make use, of the right to petition, and expect to draw the attention of the EU institutions to matters which they are concerned about ***and that fall under the scope of EU competences***, through the petition procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas it is worrying that attempts are occasionally made, through the filing of petitions, to use the work of the Committee on Petitions as an extension of national election campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the right to address a petition to the European Parliament offers EU citizens and residents the means to submit an official request directly to their representatives, and whereas this right is essential for ensuring the active participation of EU citizens and residents in the European Union's fields of activity;

Amendment

D. whereas the right to address a petition to the European Parliament offers EU citizens and residents the means to submit an official request directly to their representatives and ***that right should therefore be suitably protected and promoted;*** whereas this right is essential for ensuring the active participation of EU citizens and residents in the European Union's fields of activity;

Or. it

Amendment 7

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the European Parliament has long been at the forefront of the development of the petitions process internationally and it still has the most open and transparent system in Europe,

which allows in particular, full participation of petitioners in its activities;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas the role of the committee in empowering European citizens is one of the essential characteristics that contributes to a reinforcement of the image and authority of the Parliament in the eyes of the electorate, by allowing the institution to bring to account and better scrutinise the way in which EU law is implemented by the Member States and the other EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas active participation is only possible on the basis of a democratic and transparent process allowing Parliament and the Committee of Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and comprehensible;

E. whereas active ***citizen*** participation is only possible on the basis of a ***fully*** democratic and transparent process allowing Parliament and the Committee of Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and comprehensible;

Or. it

Amendment 10
Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas active participation is only possible on the basis of a democratic and transparent process allowing Parliament and the Committee of Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and comprehensible;

Amendment

E. whereas active participation is only possible on the basis of a democratic and transparent process *of all EU institutions*, allowing Parliament and the Committee of Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and comprehensible;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas active participation is only possible on the basis of a democratic and transparent process allowing Parliament and the Committee of Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and *comprehensible*;

Amendment

E. whereas active participation is only possible on the basis of a democratic and transparent process allowing Parliament and the Committee of Petitions to render its work citizen-friendly and *meaningful*;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas an increase in citizens' direct participation and improvement of the quality of decision-making at EU level are possible only if they are underpinned by a democratic governance that is able to

guarantee full transparency, an effective protection of fundamental rights and the inclusion of EU citizens' requests on the EU political agenda;

Or. it

Amendment 13
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas those who submit and support petitions are engaged citizens, which in turn expect the EU institutions to bring forward an added value in the resolution of their concerns; whereas failure to act adequately upon them is likely to result into frustration and consequently disaffection towards the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas it is noted that citizens often turn to the Petitions Committee as a last resort when other bodies and institutions at regional and national levels are unable to resolve their concerns;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas petitions *allow* Parliament *and other EU institutions to assess the transposition and application of EU law and its impact on EU citizens and residents*;

Amendment

F. whereas petitions *enable the European Parliament to listen to and help to solve problems affecting its citizens, and whereas the impact of EU legislation on the daily life of those living in the EU should be assessed through said petitions*;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to assess the transposition and application of EU law *and* its impact on EU citizens and residents;

Amendment

F. whereas petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to assess the transposition and application of EU law, its impact on EU citizens and residents *as well as to consider new proposals for regulation*;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas petitions are a useful source of information with regard to detecting breaches of EU law;

Amendment

G. whereas petitions are a useful source of information with regard to detecting breaches of EU law *and the shortcomings and inconsistencies of EU*

law in respect of the goal of ensuring that the fundamental rights of all citizens are fully protected;

Or. it

Amendment 18
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas petitions are a useful source of information with regard to detecting breaches of EU law;

Amendment

G. whereas petitions are a useful source of information, ***among others***, with regard to detecting breaches of EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas petitions provide information in various areas of use to other parliamentary committees;

Amendment

H. whereas petitions provide information in various areas of use to other parliamentary committees, ***also in relation to their legislative activities; whereas fulfilling the fundamental right to petition through an adequate treatment of petitions is a responsibility of the Parliament as a whole;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas petitions provide information in various areas of use to other parliamentary committees;

Amendment

H. whereas petitions provide **a vast range of important** information in various areas of use to other parliamentary committees;

Or. it

Amendment 21 Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas each petition is carefully assessed and dealt with, and whereas each petitioner has the right to receive a reply from the Committee of Petitions within a reasonable period of time;

Amendment

I. whereas each petition is carefully assessed and dealt with, and whereas each petitioner has the right to receive a **first** reply from the Committee of Petitions within a reasonable period of time;
whereas subsequent exchanges and replies are often needed as a result of the initial examination of petitions or the interaction with the Commission and national authorities as further follow-up to seek for solutions;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas each petition is carefully **assessed and dealt with**, and whereas **each petitioner has the right to receive a reply from the Committee of** Petitions within a

Amendment

I. whereas each petition is **considered fully and examined** carefully, **efficiently and transparently**, and whereas **this is done in accordance with the clearly formulated administrative procedure for**

reasonable period of time;

petitions which was introduced in 2014, which covers the entire life cycle of a petition at the European Parliament and which ultimately ensures that citizens receive an answer in writing within nine months;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas each petition *is* carefully assessed and dealt with, and whereas each petitioner has the right to receive a reply from the Committee of Petitions *within a reasonable period of time;*

Amendment

I. whereas each petition *should be* carefully assessed and dealt with, and whereas each petitioner has the right to receive a reply from the Committee of Petitions *in full accordance with the right to good administration enshrined in Article 41 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;*

Or. it

Amendment 24

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas each petition is carefully assessed and dealt with, and whereas each petitioner has the right to receive a reply from the Committee of Petitions within a reasonable period of time;

Amendment

I. whereas each petition is carefully assessed and dealt with, and whereas each petitioner has the right to receive a reply from the Committee of Petitions *that addresses their issue fully* within a reasonable period of time;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Cristian Dan Preda, Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas the work of the Committee on Petitions has improved significantly since the introduction of the administrative procedure in 2014 that covers the entire life cycle of a petition with the objective of delivering an efficient and transparent written reply to the petitioner within nine months;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Cristian Dan Preda, Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ib. whereas, to ensure an efficient work of the Committee on Petitions, the unfounded or inadmissible petitions should be closed rapidly and justified to the petitioner in order not to burden the work of the Committee; whereas the administrative procedure to deal with petitions should always be based on the best interest of the petitioners;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution

Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas the particular, interactive nature of the petition process itself and the core role citizens play therein renders each case unique and does exclude a pre-established time frame; whereas such procedures require particular flexibility and public relations skills from the administration side;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M. whereas the main subjects of concern raised in petitions in 2016 pertained to the internal market (in particular the provision of services and the free movement of people), fundamental rights (especially the rights of the child and of people with disabilities), social affairs (working conditions) **and** environmental issues (waste management, pollution and environmental protection);

M. whereas the main subjects of concern raised in petitions in 2016 pertained to the internal market (in particular the provision of services and the free movement of people), fundamental rights (especially the rights of the child and of people with disabilities), social affairs (working conditions), environmental issues (waste management, pollution and environmental protection) **and the specific issue of Brexit (loss of acquired rights and the mandate of the referendum);**

Or. en

Amendment 29

Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution

Recital N

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

N. whereas Parliament's Petitions Web Portal website, launched at the end of 2014, is operational; whereas 1 067 petitions (68 % of those received) were submitted via the web portal in 2016, as compared to 992 in 2015; whereas technical improvements have been made, including improvements to the search function, benefitting both users and portal administrators; whereas petition summaries are uploaded shortly after adoption; whereas the confidentiality settings and privacy statements have been revised, and a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) have been introduced; whereas petition summaries from 2015 and 2016 were uploaded with the help of a new migration tool; whereas a search engine optimisation (SEO) process has been conducted; whereas a high number of individual support requests by users has been handled successfully;

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Laurențiu Rebega

Motion for a resolution
Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Na. whereas Article 10 of the Treaty on European Union establishes that every citizen has the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union, and decisions of the European institutions are

to be taken as openly and as closely as possible to the citizen;

Or. ro

Amendment 31
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is potentially an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully;

Amendment

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is potentially an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully; *whereas the legislative proposal put forward by the Commission on 13th September 2017 to review the current Regulation 211/2011 on the ECI represents a kick-off of a very necessary process of revision in order to render this tool more accessible and useful for the EU citizens;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is *potentially* an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process *and should be exploited fully;*

Amendment

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process *that, if used to its full potential, could increase citizens' trust in the EU institutions and contribute to the construction of a genuine and inclusive European Union;*

Amendment 33
Laurențiu Rebega

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is ***potentially*** an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully;

Amendment

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully ***and actively promoted among citizens***;

Or. ro

Amendment 34
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is potentially an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be ***exploited fully***;

Amendment

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is potentially an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be ***used to the best advantage***;

Or. it

Amendment 35
Yana Toom

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the European Citizen's

Amendment

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Initiative is ***potentially*** an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully;

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Or. en

Amendment 36

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is ***potentially*** an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully;

Amendment

O. whereas the European Citizen's Initiative is an important tool for strengthening citizens' participation in the EU political decision-making process and should be exploited fully;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution

Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas four fact-finding visits pursuant to Rule 216a of Parliament's Rules of Procedure were planned; whereas two fact-finding visits took place, one to Spain following the reception of several petitions from EU citizens regarding possible infringements of the Water Framework Directive, and one to Slovakia on the use of EU structural funds in long-term residential centres for persons with disabilities; whereas two other planned fact-finding visits, one to Ireland and one to Italy, were cancelled;

Amendment

P. whereas four fact-finding visits pursuant to Rule 216a of Parliament's Rules of Procedure were planned; ***whereas fact-finding visits represent a core tool for the Petitions' committee, both in terms of being a unique opportunity to gather information from different stakeholders in complex issues, and at the same time to help visibilizing concretely the work of the Parliament to citizens in different corners of Europe***; whereas two fact-finding visits took place, one to Spain following the reception of several petitions from EU citizens regarding possible infringements

of the Water Framework Directive, and one to Slovakia on the use of EU structural funds in long-term residential centres for persons with disabilities; whereas two other planned fact-finding visits, one to Ireland and one to Italy, were cancelled;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas Emily O'Reilly, the European Ombudsman, presented her Annual Report for 2015 to the Committee on Petitions at its meeting on 20 June 2016, and whereas the annual report of the Committee of Petitions, in turn, is partly based on the Ombudsman's annual report;

Amendment

R. whereas Emily O'Reilly, the European Ombudsman, presented her Annual Report for 2015 to the Committee on Petitions at its meeting on 20 June 2016, ***in which it emerged that the greatest number of complaints received by the Ombudsman concerned the lack of transparency and, in particular, the refusal of EU institutions to allow access to documents or information; whereas the European Ombudsman also encountered problems in relation to which she planned to take action, particularly with regard to the effective protection of fundamental rights, transparency in the EU decision-making process, transparency in lobbying, and ethical issues concerning posts held by former EU Commissioners and cases of 'revolving doors';*** whereas the annual report of the Committee of Petitions, in turn, is partly based on the Ombudsman's annual report;

Or. it

Amendment 39

Cristian Dan Preda, Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Recital U a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ua. whereas the role of the working groups in the Committee on Petitions is to allow for a speedy and efficient processing of the petitions by reporting to the Committee on the progress made; whereas, in that context, their mandate should be very clear and limited in terms of objectives and timing in order not to delay the work of the Committee;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

V. whereas the overhaul of Parliament's Rules of Procedure (adopted in Plenary in December 2016) also entails changes to, and the clarification of, the petition procedure;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 41
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital V

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

V. whereas the overhaul of Parliament's Rules of Procedure (adopted in Plenary in December 2016) also entails changes to, and the clarification of, the

V. whereas Parliament's Rules of Procedure should include changes to, and the clarification of, the petition procedure so that the right of petition can be used to the best advantage, to the benefit of the

petition procedure;

substantive protection of EU citizens' rights;

Or. it

Amendment 42
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Recital V a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Va. whereas a purely formalistic approach to the treatment of petitions in relation to environmental assessments jeopardises the proper implementation of EU environmental law in the Member States and the credibility of the Commission, which should supervise effectively to ensure that the fundamental rights of citizens are fully protected;

Or. it

Amendment 43
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their ***grievances***, and ***where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved wherever possible and within a reasonable timeframe;***

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their ***complaints concerning infringements and shortcomings in the application of EU law in the Member States, and any gaps and inconsistencies in EU legislation; stresses the need to guarantee in full that the issues raised will be treated promptly, exhaustively, impartially and fairly by the institutions;***

Amendment 44

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved wherever possible and within a reasonable timeframe;

Amendment

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined, ***investigated*** and resolved wherever possible and within a reasonable timeframe;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens ***are*** examined and resolved wherever possible and within a reasonable timeframe;

Amendment

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens ***must be*** examined and resolved wherever possible and within a reasonable timeframe;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved wherever possible **and** within a reasonable **timeframe**;

Amendment

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved wherever possible within a reasonable **period of time**;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Laurențiu Rebega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions has to play as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved **wherever possible and** within a reasonable timeframe;

Amendment

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Or. ro

Amendment 48
Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions **has to play** as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved wherever possible and within

Amendment

1. Highlights the vital role that the Committee on Petitions **plays** as a contact point where EU citizens and residents can submit their grievances, and where the requests of citizens are examined and resolved wherever possible and within a

a reasonable timeframe;

reasonable timeframe;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Acknowledges that petitions are an important source of first-hand information, not just about violations and deficiencies in the application of EU law in the Member States, but also about potential loopholes in EU legislation as well as citizens' suggestions about new legislation that could be adopted, or possible improvements to the legislative texts in force;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Encourages the use of new audio-visual technologies to enable the petitioners to play a greater role in the work of the Committee by participating in real time in the consideration of their petition;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Confirms that the effective treatment of petitions challenges and ultimately enhances the capacity of both, Commission and Parliament, to react to and resolve problems relating to transposition and misapplication; notes that the Commission considers the implementation of EU law a priority, so that citizens can benefit from it in their everyday lives;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Calls for a definition of a clear distinction between the status and rights of the petitioners and of their supporters in compliance with transparency principles;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Continues to consider it a particular obligation to ensure that, where

petitions are inadmissible or unfounded, no disproportionately long delay occurs before they are declared inadmissible or are closed; Emphasises in this context the requirement that the inadmissibility or closure of petitions on account of being unfounded must be carefully justified vis-à-vis the petitioner;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1d. Stresses that working groups which have been set up must report on their work in regular intervals and that there is a clearly formulated mandate with limitations in time, which results in intensive processing of the cases to be considered; considers it important that the results of the work of the working group result in prompt completion of work on the petitions concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Recalls that petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to reconnect with EU citizens who are affected by the application of EU law at different administrative levels; considers

2. Recalls that petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to reconnect with EU citizens who are affected by the application of EU law at different administrative levels; considers

enhanced cooperation of EU institutions and other EU bodies with national, regional and local authorities on matters linked to the application of EU law *to be* a vital means of strengthening the democratic legitimacy and accountability of the Union's decision-making process;

*that the ability to ensure full transparency, direct citizen involvement, full protection of fundamental rights, a clear improvement in the response from the EU institutions in terms of addressing and resolving the problems brought to their attention by citizens, in addition to enhanced cooperation of EU institutions and other EU bodies with national, regional and local authorities on matters linked to the application of EU law, **are** a vital means of strengthening the democratic legitimacy and accountability of the Union's decision-making process;*

Or. it

Amendment 56
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Recalls that petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to reconnect with EU citizens who are affected by the application of EU law at different administrative levels; considers enhanced cooperation of EU institutions and other EU bodies with national, regional and local authorities on matters linked to the application of EU law to be a vital means of strengthening the democratic legitimacy and accountability of the Union's decision-making process;*

Amendment

2. *Acknowledges the impact of effective application of EU law on strengthening the credibility of the EU institutions; reminds that the right to petition, enshrined in the Lisbon treaty, is an important element of European citizenship and a real barometer for monitoring the application of EU law and identifying possible loopholes; calls on the Committee of Petitions to set up a regular meeting with the national Committees on Petitions on important petitions in order to raise awareness of European citizens' concerns in the EU and in the Member States and strengthen their rights further through better European law making and implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 57

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Recalls that petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to reconnect with EU citizens who are affected by the application of EU law at different administrative levels; considers enhanced cooperation of EU institutions and other EU bodies with national, regional and local authorities on matters linked to the application of EU law to be a vital means of strengthening the democratic legitimacy and accountability of the Union's decision-making process;

Amendment

2. Recalls that petitions allow Parliament and other EU institutions to reconnect with EU citizens who are affected by the application of EU law at different administrative levels; considers enhanced cooperation of EU institutions and other EU bodies with national, regional and local authorities on matters linked to the application of EU law to be a vital means of strengthening the democratic legitimacy and accountability of the Union's decision-making process; ***calls therefore for a strong commitment from all the authorities involved at national and European levels in handling and resolving petitions as a matter of priority;***

Or. en

Amendment 58

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Union's decision-making process;

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Or. en

Amendment 59

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reminds the Commission that requests for assistance from the Committee on Petitions should be followed up properly, and reiterates its call on the Commission to improve the quality of its replies, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with, EU law;

Amendment

3. Reminds the Commission that requests for assistance from the Committee on Petitions should be followed up properly, and reiterates its call on the Commission to improve the quality of its replies, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly, ***pointing out that the manner in which the problems highlighted in petitions are addressed has a vital impact on citizens, on the effective respect of their right to petition enshrined in EU law, and on their opinions of the EU institutions***; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with, EU law;

Or. it

Amendment 60

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Reminds the Commission that requests for assistance from the Committee

Amendment

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on Petitions should be followed up properly, and reiterates its call on the Commission to improve the quality of its replies, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with, EU law;

situations where EU law is not respected and to investigate with the help of political scrutiny of the European Parliament; reminds the Commission that requests for assistance from the Committee on Petitions should be followed up properly, and reiterates its call on the Commission to improve the quality of its replies, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with, EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 61 **Cristian Dan Preda**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Reminds the Commission that requests for assistance from the Committee on Petitions should be followed up properly, and reiterates its call on the Commission to improve the quality of its replies ***including during committee meetings***, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Laurențiu Rebega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. ***Calls on*** the Commission ***to follow up*** requests for assistance from the Committee on Petitions ***properly and*** to improve the quality of its replies, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with, EU law;

Or. ro

Amendment 63
Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Reminds the Commission that requests for assistance from the Committee on Petitions should be followed up properly, and reiterates its call on the Commission to improve the quality of its replies, in substance as well as depth, to ensure that the concerns of European citizens are addressed properly ***and transparently***; insists that the Commission identifies the means for enhancing cooperation with Member States' authorities when it comes to responding to inquiries regarding the implementation of, and compliance with, EU law;

Amendment 64
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Considers the fact that national courts have primary responsibility to ensure a proper implementation of EU legislation in the Member States should by no means preclude a more proactive role by the Commission, in its capacity as guardian of the Treaties, when it comes to ensuring compliance with EU law, particularly in cases relating to environmental and public health protection where precautionary principle should prevail;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission officials who are present in the meetings of the Committee of Petitions to be ready to engage in a proper dialogue with the petitioners and not limit themselves to reading the answer already established and sent out previously to the meeting;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Margrete Auken

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Disagrees with the Commission's recurrent self-interpretation in reference to the twenty-seventh annual report on monitoring the application of European Union law (2009), on the basis of which it would be entitled to close files on which no formal step towards infringement proceedings has yet been taken, or to suspend active infringement proceedings in cases in progress before a national court; reminds that in paragraph 11 of its annual resolution on the activities of the Committee on Petitions adopted in plenary on 15th December 2016, the Parliament reaffirmed its disagreement with the Commission's original approach in the aforementioned report, as expressed already in its own parliamentary resolution^{1b} of 14 September 2011, where particularly in paragraphs 1, 23 and 32 the Commission was requested to step up its efforts to ensure consistent implementation of EU legislation, within its capacities, and to make use of infringement mechanisms independently of the existence of judicial proceedings at national level;*

^{1b} OJ C 51E, 22.2.2013, p. 66.

Or. en

**Amendment 67
Rainer Wieland**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4**

Motion for a resolution

4. *Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings, and to guarantee its timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard;*

Amendment

4. *Referring to the EC annual report on monitoring the application of the EU law 2016, takes serious consideration of the considerable increase by 21% of open infringement cases compared to the previous year; calls on the Commission to follow up on the Parliament's calls for sharing information on the state of play on ongoing infringement procedures; highlights the important role of petitions for identifying bad implementation or late transposition on European law; reminds the Commission that the Committee on Petition is committed to respond to citizens' expectations timely and responsibly, while ensuring the democratic scrutiny and proper application of EU law;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings, and to guarantee its timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings **brought before EU Member States**, and to guarantee its timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard; **recalls that a better cooperation between the Committee on Petitions and the Commission allows the Parliament to inform the petitioners about the progress made by their petitions in due time;**

Amendment 69

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings, and to guarantee its timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings, and to guarantee its timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard; ***asks to receive, on a systematic basis, the documents exchanged in the course of EU pilot and infringement procedures once these are closed in application of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice;***

Or. en

Amendment 70

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings, and to guarantee its timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard;

Amendment

4. Asks the Commission to inform the Committee on Petitions regularly on developments with regard to ongoing infringement proceedings, and to guarantee its ***full and*** timely access to relevant Commission documents on infringements, and to EU pilot procedures pertaining to petitions in this regard;

Or. it

Amendment 71
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Asks the Commission to provide precise statistics concerning the number of petitions that led to the initiation of an EU Pilot or an infringement procedure; calls therefore on the Commission to send regular reports on cases relating to proceedings and/or procedures under way in order to facilitate structured dialogue and reduce the time frame for settling disputes; calls on the Commission to discuss those reports with the Committee on Petitions, proactively involving the Vice-President responsible for the application of law and simplification;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission to use properly its powers stemming from its role as Guardian of the Treaties as such a role is of utmost importance in the functioning of the EU with regards to the citizens and to the European legislators; calls for a timely handling of the infringement procedures in order to put an end without delay to situations where EU law is not respected;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Highlights the need for Council and Commission representatives of the highest possible rank to be present at meetings and hearings of the Committee on Petitions where the content of the issues discussed requires the implication of the aforementioned institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls for enquiries to be made as to the possibility of the use of teleconferencing services to allow more petitioners to present their petition to the committee;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Cristian Dan Preda, Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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parliamentary committees essential; refers, in this regard, to the adoption of the Committee on Petitions guidelines, which spell out the principle of establishing a petitions network with the other committees; **notes** that guidelines for such a network have been adopted; draws attention to the questionnaire submitted to all committees with a view to understanding better their procedures for dealing with petitions submitted for opinion or information; notes with satisfaction that the first network meeting at staff level took place in 2016 and at Members' level in **early** 2017;

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Or. en

Amendment 76

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Considers cooperation with other parliamentary committees essential; refers, in this regard, to the adoption of the Committee on Petitions guidelines, which spell out the principle of establishing a petitions network with the other committees; notes that guidelines for such a network have been adopted; draws attention to the questionnaire submitted to all committees with a view to understanding better their procedures for

Amendment

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recommends that staff of the Members of the European Parliament should be offered specific guidance on the right to petition to enable them to better assist constituents interested in pursuing the process;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers it essential for the admissibility of amendments submitted in the Committee on Petitions to be scrutinised more precisely and preferably justified by means of petitions so that excesses and conflicts of competences with other committees can be avoided.

Or. de

Amendment 78
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Deplores the fact that the Charter of Fundamental Rights only applies in Member States when implementing EU law; reiterates the fact that many citizens have found its implementation to be unclear; regrets that the Court of Justice of

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the EU has interpreted Article 51 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in a cautious way, yet allowing for the scope of application of the Charter to be expanded to include national provisions that implement EU law, as well as those that ensure effective application of EU provisions; stresses that a too narrow or incoherent interpretation of Article 51 alienates citizens from the EU; urges the Commission to take measures to ensure that the interpretation of the scope of Article 51 is as coherent and wide as possible; welcomes the introduction by the Fundamental Rights Agency of an interactive tool providing easy access to information on which authority to address in each of Member State with inquiries regarding fundamental rights;

the EU has interpreted Article 51 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in a cautious way, yet allowing for the scope of application of the Charter to be expanded to include national provisions that implement EU law, as well as those that ensure effective application of EU provisions; ***considers that the expectations of most of EU citizens in relation to the rights conferred in the Charter go much beyond their current scope of application;*** stresses that a too narrow or incoherent interpretation of Article 51 alienates citizens from the EU; urges the Commission to take measures to ensure that the interpretation of the scope of Article 51 is as coherent and wide as possible; ***believes that as part of the efforts needed to revamp the Union following Brexit, and as a path to regain credibility after the economic crisis' severe social consequences, Article 51 should be deleted from the Charter at the earliest possible treaty reform;*** welcomes the introduction by the Fundamental Rights Agency of an interactive tool providing easy access to information on which authority to address in each of Member State with inquiries regarding fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

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Or. it

Amendment 80
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;

Amendment

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU; ***recalls that the Committee on Petitions has been playing an active role in defending the rights of EU and British citizens by contributing to the Parliament's resolutions of 10 April 2017 and of 3 October 2017 on the state of play of the negotiations with the United Kingdom following its notification to***

withdraw from the EU as well as by commissioning a study on the impact of Brexit in relation to the right to petition and on the competences, responsibilities and activities of the Committee on Petitions and by examining the petitions dealing with Brexit and the rights of citizens in its meeting on 21 June 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;

Amendment

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; ***notes the unresolved concerns about voting rights and disenfranchisement of UK citizens living elsewhere in the EU for over 15 years;*** supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU ***and calls on the Commission to guarantee the full acquired rights for UK citizens residing in the rest of the European Union to ensure that citizens are not used as bargaining chips or see their rights eroded as a result of the negotiations;***

Or. en

Amendment 82

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; ***supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;***

Amendment

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; ***recalls its resolution of 5 April 2017^{1a} by which the European Parliament underlines that the withdrawal agreement can only be concluded with its consent and its requirement of a fair treatment of EU-27 citizens living or having lived in the United Kingdom and of United Kingdom citizens living or having lived in the EU-27 and is of the opinion that their respective rights and interests must be given full priority in the negotiations;***

^{1a} P8_TA(2017)0102

Or. en

Amendment 83

Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;

Amendment

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union ***which was evident in a large number of petitions concerning the United Kingdom;*** supports the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;

Amendment 84

Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; ***supports*** the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;

Amendment

7. Notes the anxiety of petitioners concerned about their future rights following the referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from the European Union; ***takes note of*** the Commission's commitment to fully guarantee the rights of European citizens residing in the United Kingdom during the Brexit negotiations and following its exit from the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points to the important ongoing work carried out by the Committee on Petitions in connection with petitions pertaining to issues on disabilities, and underlines the willingness of the committee to continue its support to efforts to strengthen the rights of persons with disabilities;

Amendment

8. Points to the important ongoing work carried out by the Committee on Petitions in connection with petitions pertaining to issues on disabilities, and underlines the willingness of the committee to continue its support to efforts to strengthen the rights of persons with disabilities; ***emphasises that a fact-finding visit to Slovakia took place on 22 and 23 September 2016 to gather information on the issue of the quality of the lives of persons with disabilities who are institutionalised and that the Committee on Petitions recommended to the Commission to look into the situation of***

investments in institutions for persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

8. Points to the important ongoing work carried out by the Committee on Petitions in connection with petitions pertaining to issues on disabilities, and underlines the willingness of the committee to continue its support to efforts to strengthen the rights of persons with disabilities; ***calls on the European institutions to lead by example on this subject and to ensure that national authorities are correctly implementing without delay the legislation adopted in this field;***

Or. en

Amendment 87

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Points to the important ongoing work carried out by the Committee on Petitions in connection with petitions pertaining to issues on disabilities, and underlines the willingness of the committee to continue its support ***to*** efforts to ***strengthen*** the rights of persons with disabilities;

Amendment

8. Points to the important ongoing work carried out by the Committee on Petitions in connection with petitions pertaining to issues on disabilities, and underlines the willingness of the committee to continue its support ***for*** efforts to ***ensure that EU legislation and the implementation measures adopted in the***

Member States comply fully and consistently with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

Or. it

Amendment 88
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Reiterates the committee's work to support the ratification and swift implementation of the 2013 Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled; notes that Parliament and the Council have reached an agreement on the Commission's legislative proposals on the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty, which have become binding¹ ;

¹ OJ L 242, 20.9.17, p. 1 and p. 6.

Amendment

9. Reiterates the committee's work to support the ratification and swift implementation of the 2013 Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled; ***stresses the relevance in this regard of its short resolution adopted in plenary on 3 February 2016 on the Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty, which called for a swift reaction from all concerned parties in order to unblock the previously long-standing situation in order to facilitate the ratification at EU level***; notes that Parliament and the Council have reached an agreement on the Commission's legislative proposals on the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty, which have become binding¹ ;

¹ OJ L 242, 20.9.17, p. 1 and p. 6.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Draws attention to two annual reports, the Annual Report on all the committee's activities in 2015² and the Annual Report on the European Ombudsman's work in 2015³, and to several opinions by the committee, such as on cross-border recognition of adoptions⁴, on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with special regard to the concluding observations of the UN CRPD Committee⁵, on monitoring the application of Union Law: 2014 Annual Report⁶ and on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015⁷;

² Opinion adopted on 30 November 2016.

³ Opinion adopted on 11 November 2016.

⁴ Opinion adopted on 21 April 2016.

⁵ Opinion adopted on 27 April 2016.

⁶ Opinion adopted on 22 April 2016

⁷ Opinion adopted on 12 October 2016.

Amendment

10. Draws attention to two annual reports, the Annual Report on all the committee's activities in 2015² and the Annual Report on the European Ombudsman's work in 2015³, and to several opinions by the committee, such as on cross-border recognition of adoptions⁴, on ***EU options for improving access to medicines***, on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with special regard to the concluding observations of the UN CRPD Committee⁵, on monitoring the application of Union Law: 2014 Annual Report⁶ and on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015⁷;

² Opinion adopted on 30 November 2016.

³ Opinion adopted on 11 November 2016.

⁴ Opinion adopted on 21 April 2016.

⁵ Opinion adopted on 27 April 2016.

⁶ Opinion adopted on 22 April 2016

⁷ Opinion adopted on 12 October 2016.

Or. it

Amendment 90 **Margrete Auken**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation with ***a view to maintaining*** its relevance as a tool for democratic participation; ***invites the Commission to consider*** Parliament's ***substantive input***, in particular the opinion

Amendment

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative ***as a core instrument to foster EU citizenship***; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation with ***the expectation that the outcome of the legislative process will finally ensure*** its relevance as a tool for democratic

of the Committee on Petitions on the *European Citizens' initiative*;

participation; *regrets the fact that by submitting its proposal before the conclusion of the Parliament's own-initiative legislative procedure on the European Citizens' Initiative, including in particular the already adopted opinion of the Committee on Petitions, the Commission failed to duly take into account the former and considers that such an approach is in breach of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making¹; calls on the Commission to consider further the Parliament's substantive input during the upcoming legislative procedure*;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation *with a* view to *maintaining its* relevance as a tool for democratic participation; invites the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular *the opinion* of the Committee on Petitions *on* the European Citizens' initiative;

Amendment

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation *and takes the* view *that in order to increase the European Citizens' Initiative's* relevance as a tool for democratic participation, *all necessary measures should be adopted to ensure that legislative proposals are submitted for successful European Citizens' Initiatives*; invites the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, *and* in particular *that* of the Committee on Petitions, *in order to achieve the full and effective involvement of EU citizens in the EU decision-making process through* the European Citizens' initiative;

Or. it

¹ OJ L 123, 12.05.16, p. 1

Amendment 92
Ángela Vallina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation *with a view to maintaining its relevance as a tool for democratic participation*; invites the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative;

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11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation; invites the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Laurențiu Rebega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation *with a view to maintaining its relevance as a tool for democratic participation*; invites the Commission to *consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative*;

Amendment

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation; *stresses the importance of this tool for citizens' democratic participation in the decision-making process; calls on the Commission to ensure the full efficiency of the European Citizens' initiative*;

Or. ro

Amendment 94
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; **notes** the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation with a view to maintaining its relevance as a tool for democratic participation; invites the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative;

Amendment

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; **welcomes** the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation with a view to maintaining its relevance as a tool for democratic participation; invites the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation with a view to maintaining its relevance as a tool for democratic participation; **invites** the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative;

Amendment

11. Points to the committee's support of the European Citizens' Initiative; notes the Commission's proposal for a revision of the regulation with a view to maintaining its relevance as a tool for democratic participation; **urges** the Commission to consider Parliament's substantive input, in particular the opinion of the Committee on Petitions on the European Citizens' initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Regrets that the inter-institutional agreement was not fully respected by the European Commission and that the work calendar of the proposal for a revision of the regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative did not take into account the principle of sincere and mutual cooperation between EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Emphasises Parliament's strong collaboration with the European Ombudsman, as well as its involvement in the European Network of Ombudsmen; underlines the excellent relations within the institutional framework between the Ombudsman and the Committee on Petitions; appreciates in particular the Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the committee throughout the year; welcomes the initiatives taken by the European Ombudsman to better benefit from the network's potential and to strengthen its visibility;

Amendment

12. Emphasises Parliament's strong collaboration with the European Ombudsman, as well as its involvement in the European Network of Ombudsmen; underlines the excellent relations within the institutional framework between the Ombudsman and the Committee on Petitions; appreciates in particular the Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the committee throughout the year; ***underlines the Ombudsman's crucial role in helping to improve decision-making processes and administration at EU level, which should, as soon as possible, be made fully transparent, impartial and fit for protecting citizens' rights effectively and efficiently;*** welcomes the initiatives taken by the European Ombudsman to better benefit from the network's potential and to strengthen its visibility;

Or. it

Amendment 98
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Emphasises Parliament's strong collaboration with the European Ombudsman, as well as its involvement in the European Network of Ombudsmen; underlines the excellent relations within the institutional framework between the Ombudsman and the Committee on Petitions; appreciates in particular the Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the committee throughout the year; welcomes the initiatives taken by the European Ombudsman to better benefit from the network's potential and to strengthen its visibility;

Amendment

12. Emphasises Parliament's strong collaboration with the European Ombudsman, as well as its involvement in the European Network of Ombudsmen; underlines the excellent relations within the institutional framework between the Ombudsman and the Committee on Petitions; appreciates in particular the Ombudsman's regular contributions to the work of the committee throughout the year; ***supports the current Ombudsman's work in the different fields of her competence, including her own-initiative and strategic inquiries to the benefit not only of good administration but also of a better democratic functioning of the Union;*** welcomes the initiatives taken by the European Ombudsman to better benefit from the network's potential and to strengthen its visibility;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the Award for Good Administration launched by the office of the European Ombudsman in 2016 as a way to recognise staff members, agencies and bodies of EU institutions engaged in promoting good administration while performing their everyday duties;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the Award for Good Administration launched by the office of the European Ombudsman in 2016 as a way to recognise staff members, agencies and bodies of EU institutions engaged in promoting good administration while performing their everyday duties; ***calls for the current Code of Good Administrative***

Behaviour to be upgraded into a binding Regulation, including among other aspects concrete provisions to prevent conflicts of interest at all levels within EU institutions, agencies and bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses the wide range of subjects raised in the petitions filed, from the internal market, justice, energy and transport to fundamental rights, health, environmental law, disability and animal welfare;

Amendment

14. Stresses the wide range of subjects raised in the petitions filed, from the internal market, justice, energy and transport to fundamental rights, health, environmental law, disability and animal welfare; ***underlines the increase by 10% of the number of petitions received in 2016 (1.569) and calls on the European institutions to adequately staff the services in charge of handling petitions, notably the secretariat of the Committee on Petitions;***

Or. en

Amendment 101

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Stresses the wide range of subjects raised in the petitions filed, from the internal market, justice, energy and transport to fundamental rights, health, environmental law, disability and animal welfare;

Amendment

14. Stresses the wide range of subjects raised in the petitions filed, from the internal market, justice, energy and transport to fundamental rights, health, environmental law, disability and animal welfare ***and on the various implications of***

Amendment 102
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that comprehensive analyses are conducted on the compliance with EU law of environmental assessments carried out by Member States, with regard to permission granted for infrastructure projects in relation to which citizens, through their petitions, have highlighted serious risks to human health and the environment;

Or. it

Amendment 103
Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Regrets that the Commission did not exercise its powers of control in a resolute manner to prevent the placing on the single market of pollutant, diesel-powered cars that contribute significantly to the release of NO₂ into the atmosphere over the limit values and that do not comply with EU rules on the type-approval and emissions of passenger and light commercial vehicles; points out that this aspect forms an integral part of the concerns of citizens who have exercised

their right to petition to call for effective protection of human health, the environment and consumer rights;

Or. it

Amendment 104

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Stresses that full transparency and full public access to the documents of the EU institutions should be the rule in order to ensure the highest levels of protection of the democratic rights of citizens; takes the view that a proposal to amend Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 should be promptly put forward in this regard;

Or. it

Amendment 105

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Draws attention to numerous petitions on the practices of child welfare authorities and the protection of children's rights, particularly with cross-border implications; acknowledges the work done by the committee's working group on child welfare; draws attention to the short motion for resolution on 'Protecting the best interest of the child (across borders) in Europe' adopted in March 2016; **welcomes** the **recast of** the Brussels IIa Regulation on jurisdiction, the recognition and

15. Draws attention to numerous petitions on the practices of child welfare authorities and the protection of children's rights, particularly with cross-border implications; acknowledges the work done by the committee's working group on child welfare; draws attention to the short motion for resolution on 'Protecting the best interest of the child (across borders) in Europe' adopted in March 2016; **takes note of the proposal to recast** the Brussels IIa Regulation on jurisdiction, the recognition

enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, and on international child abduction, and notes that a large number of issues raised in petitions, such as the efficacy of return proceedings following international parental child abduction, need to be *improved*;

and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, and on international child abduction, and notes that a large number of issues raised in petitions, such as *those relating to the procedures and practices specifically followed by the relevant authorities in the Member States in child-related decisions having cross-border implications, and* the efficacy of return proceedings following international parental child abduction, need to be *verified thoroughly with a view to resolving the existing difficulties*;

Or. it

Amendment 106

Eleonora Evi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Highlights the consistently high number of petitions concerning animal welfare and reiterates its regret over the delay which has built up in the implementation of the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012-2015; considers it vital to launch a new strategy at EU level to bridge all the existing gaps and ensure full and effective protection of animal welfare through a clear and comprehensive legislative framework that fully meets the requirements of Article 13 TFEU;

Or. it

Amendment 107

Jude Kirton-Darling, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that although* **deleted**
Petition 2214/2014 on German war
reparations owed to Greece was declared
admissible on 7 September 2015, the
majority of PETI coordinators in the end
decided, on 8 September 2016, to close
this petition, alleging that the subject
matter falls outside the scope of EU
competences;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Yana Toom

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that although* **deleted**
Petition 2214/2014 on German war
reparations owed to Greece was declared
admissible on 7 September 2015, the
majority of PETI coordinators in the end
decided, on 8 September 2016, to close
this petition, alleging that the subject
matter falls outside the scope of EU
competences;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Virginie Rozière, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that although* **deleted**
Petition 2214/2014 on German war

reparations owed to Greece was declared admissible on 7 September 2015, the majority of PETI coordinators in the end decided, on 8 September 2016, to close this petition, alleging that the subject matter falls outside the scope of EU competences;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Rainer Wieland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that although* **deleted**
Petition 2214/2014 on German war reparations owed to Greece was declared admissible on 7 September 2015, the majority of PETI coordinators in the end decided, on 8 September 2016, to close this petition, alleging that the subject matter falls outside the scope of EU competences;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Cristian Dan Preda, Peter Jahr

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. *Deplores the fact that although* **deleted**
Petition 2214/2014 on German war reparations owed to Greece was declared admissible on 7 September 2015, the majority of PETI coordinators in the end decided, on 8 September 2016, to close this petition, alleging that the subject

matter falls outside the scope of EU competences;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Yana Toom

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Regrets that no significant progress has been made in the case concerning the electoral rights of non-citizens in Estonia and Latvia, following petition 0747/2016; stresses that any unnecessary delays may cause distrust in the European institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Virginie Rozière, Gabriele Preuß, Jude Kirton-Darling, Sorin Moisă

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Stresses the important role of the SOLVIT network, which provides a means for citizens to address concerns about possible breaches of EU law by public authorities in other Member States; calls on the Commission, and on the Member States themselves, to promote SOLVIT in order to make it more helpful and visible to citizens; welcomes, in this regard, the Action Plan to reinforce the SOLVIT network published by the Commission in May 2017;

17. Stresses the important role of the SOLVIT network, which provides a means for citizens ***and enterprises*** to address concerns about possible breaches of EU law by public authorities in other Member States; calls on the Commission, and on the Member States themselves, to promote SOLVIT in order to make it more helpful and visible to citizens; welcomes, in this regard, the Action Plan to reinforce the SOLVIT network published by the Commission in May 2017; ***calls on the Commission for a swift implementation of this Action Plan and to report back to the***

Amendment 114

Margrete Auken

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Points to the improvements made to the Petitions Web Portal; underlines the need for further technical improvements to the web portal to ensure that the committee on Petitions is fully prepared to deal with unexpected situations, such as a sudden increase in the number of petitions submitted; considers the ongoing technical development, and enhanced technical capacity, of the portal as essential for a smooth petition process; underlines the importance of the portal as an easily accessible communication gateway for citizens and petitioners, also for users of mobile devices and for persons with disabilities;

Amendment

18. Points to the improvements made to the Petitions Web Portal; underlines the need for further technical improvements to the web portal to ensure that the committee on Petitions is fully prepared to deal with unexpected situations, such as a sudden increase in the number of petitions submitted; considers the ongoing technical development, and enhanced technical capacity, of the portal as essential for a smooth petition process; underlines the importance of the portal as an easily accessible communication gateway for citizens and petitioners, also for users of mobile devices and for persons with disabilities; ***looks forward to the prompt implementation of the remaining phases of the project, which will allow for an enhanced interactive experience and increased real-time information by petitioners and those supporting petitions;***

Amendment 115

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Recognises that there has been an unacceptable delay in the expansion of the secretariat of the committee; calls for the recruitment of experienced officials to enhance the working capacity of the committee;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Jude Kirton-Darling, Gabriele Preuß, Virginie Rozière, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Calls for a more focused and active press and communications service and a more active social media presence, making the work of the Committee more responsive to public concerns;

Or. en