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OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the citizens' initiative
(COM(2010)0119 – C7-0089/2010 – 2010/0074(COD))

Rapporteur: Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

Article 11(4) of the Treaty on European Union introduces an important innovation in the democratic functioning of the Union by providing a new concrete tool for civic participation and pan-European debate:

"Not less than one million citizens who are nationals of a significant number of Member States may take the initiative of inviting the European Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaties."

The proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the citizens' initiative sets out the procedures and conditions for how the citizens' initiative will function in practice.

Communication, active citizenship, youth and the role of civil society as an inclusive, participatory actor in European Public Space belong to the key responsibilities of the Committee on Culture and Education.

The rapporteur welcomes the Commission proposal, as involving civil society in policy-shaping and the preparations of decisions strengthens the democratic legitimacy of public institutions, of their work and activities. However, procedures and conditions should be designed as pragmatically as possible. Moreover, complicated administrative procedures both at institutional and national levels should be avoided. The rapporteur has the following main concerns and suggestions to change the proposal:

As the citizens' initiative is a tool which should be used by the citizens themselves and its aim is to strengthen direct democracy, active citizenship, and the influence of the European citizens on the European Union policies, the initiative should be submitted to the Commission by an organising committee consisting of at least nine European citizens coming from at least nine Member States. Such procedure will ensure that every initiative will have a European character from the very beginning.

Excluding legal persons from the organising committee will protect the citizens' initiative from a possible abuse of existing business organisations, political parties and other organisations which are much stronger than a group of citizens and have more possibilities to act at the European level. The citizens' initiative should not develop into election campaigns, nor should it be used as a tool for such campaigns. Politicians have other tools to influence legislative decisions.

According to the rapporteur, it would be important for an organiser to know early enough which kind of a legal act or measure would be appropriate in order to achieve the objectives of the citizens' initiative in case it would be successful. Therefore, the Commission should provide the organiser with a first, realistic indication on appropriate measures already in the context of the admissibility check. That would avoid disappointments in case the Commission would not propose a binding legal act after all.

In addition, there is no need to wait with the admissibility check until the organising committee has collected a certain number of signatures and submitted to the Commission a request for decision on the admissibility. In order to prevent any unnecessary administrative burden, the Commission should check the admissibility of the proposed initiative right after the registration and without any delay.

The rapporteur wants to simplify the statement of support form. First of all, the Regulation should set out only those requirements which are necessary. As regards personal data, these necessary requirements should only be the name, address, nationality, date of birth and the signature. Secondly, the organising committee should be able to prepare its own statement of support form. This way, in addition to the necessary requirements set out in the Regulation, the organising committee could add in the form some additional questions or information, or for example the logo of the initiative.

For the sake of transparency, the funding sources of each citizens' initiative should be indicated in the statement of support form. It should be clear to all signatories who is financing the respective initiative.

The rapporteur also wants to stress the importance of communication activities and information campaigns, in order to raise awareness on the European Citizens' Initiative. In this context, existing programmes which promote mobility (such as the Lifelong Learning and Youth in Action programmes) and active citizenship (the Europe for Citizens programme) can play an important role. As regards collecting of signatures, the rapporteur strongly recommends the development and use of appropriate online tools that are easily accessible across the European Union.

The rapporteur would also like to give the Commission representations and the Parliament information offices in the Member States, as well as the Commission information networks, such as Europe Direct and Citizen Signpost Service, a permanent role in providing citizens with all necessary information regarding the citizens' initiative.

According to the rapporteur, the minimum age for signatories should be 16 instead of 18. Active citizenship, social inclusion and solidarity of young people are crucial for the future Europe. Legally, young people come of age when they turn 18. Despite the fact that the citizens' initiative does not have a direct effect, it may create a trans-European debate and finally dynamise the impetus of legislative decisions. Moreover, linking the minimum age to national voting age requirements is likely to create inequality, due to differences in national requirements.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) It is necessary to organise efficient publicity campaigns, in order to raise awareness of the European citizens' initiative, to promote civil dialogue and to build a genuine European public space; in this context, communication activities and information campaigns have an important role to play. Therefore, the Commission should consider using the existing programmes which promote mobility and active citizenship and new forms of communication, such as social networking, which promote public debate.

Justification

Efficient communication on the citizens' initiative is crucial. The existing programmes which promote mobility (such as the Lifelong Learning and Youth in Action programmes) and active citizenship (the Europe for Citizens programme), as well as European Year for Volunteering 2011 can be useful in this context.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3b) The European Commission representations and the European Parliament's information offices in the Member States, together with the Commission's information networks, should play a permanent role in the provision to citizens of all necessary information regarding the citizens' initiative.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) It is necessary to establish the minimum number of Member States from which citizens must come. In order to ensure that a citizens' initiative is representative of a Union interest, this number should be set at one **third** of Member States.

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Justification

The citizens' initiative should be accessible to citizens, and the threshold for support should therefore not be set too high. The requirement of one quarter of Member States (i.e. 7 of the current number of 27 EU Member States) is an amply sufficient expression of a common EU interest. At the same time, it is in line with other provisions of the Treaties, such as Article 76 TFEU.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) It is appropriate to fix a minimum age for supporting a citizens' initiative. This should be set **as the age at which citizens are entitled to vote in the European Parliament elections**.

(7) It is appropriate to fix a minimum age for supporting a citizens' initiative. This should be set at **16 years of age**.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8) In order to ensure coherence and transparency in relation to proposed citizens' initiatives, it should be mandatory to register such initiatives on a website made available by the Commission prior to collecting the necessary statements of support from citizens; **proposals** that are abusive or devoid of seriousness should not

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and legal requirements for an initiative to be successful. It would undoubtedly serve as an educational tool enabling citizens to make their democratic voice heard.

Proposals that are abusive or devoid of seriousness should not be registered and the Commission should reject the registration of proposals which would be manifestly against the values of the Union. The Commission should deal with registration in accordance with the general principles of good administration.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) It is appropriate to provide for statements of support to be collected in paper form as well as online. Online collection systems should have adequate security features in place in order to ensure, inter alia, that the person can be identified and that the data are securely stored. For this purpose, the Commission should be required to set out detailed technical specifications for online collection systems.

Amendment

(10) It is appropriate to provide for statements of support to be collected in paper form as well as online. *However, in order to simplify the procedure and to make it more accessible, online collection should be encouraged.* Online collection systems should have adequate security features in place in order to ensure, inter alia, that the person can be identified and that the data are securely stored. *Citizens' confidence in the citizens' initiative scheme will be one of the main contributors to its success.* For this purpose, the Commission should be required to set out detailed technical specifications for online collection systems *in order to facilitate the process. The Commission should freely make available secure tools enabling online signatures to be collected in a way which does not jeopardise privacy.*

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) It is appropriate that the Commission should take a decision on the admissibility of proposed initiatives ***at a sufficiently early stage. The organiser should therefore request such a decision after it has collected 300.000 statements of support for the proposed initiative from signatories coming from at least three Member States.***

Amendment

(13) It is appropriate that the Commission should take a decision on the admissibility of proposed initiatives ***before gathering signatures. The Commission should examine the admissibility of an initiative without delay after it has been registered.***

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) It is appropriate to provide that, where a citizens' initiative has received the necessary statements of support from signatories and provided it is considered admissible, each Member State should be responsible for the verification and certification of statements of support collected from citizens coming from that State. Taking account of the need to limit the administrative burden for Member States, they should, within a period of three months, carry out such verifications on the basis of appropriate checks and should issue a document certifying the number of valid statements of support received.

Amendment

(15) It is appropriate to provide that, where a citizens' initiative has received the necessary statements of support from signatories and provided it is considered admissible, each Member State should be responsible for the verification and certification of statements of support collected from citizens coming from that State. ***With online collections of signatures, an additional check of the validity of signatures, besides the technical verification, is needed.*** Taking account of the need to limit the administrative burden for Member States, they should, within a period of three months, carry out such verifications on the basis of appropriate checks and should issue a document certifying the number of valid statements of support received.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(23) The Commission should report on the implementation of this Regulation **five** years after its entry into force.

(23) The Commission should report on the implementation of this Regulation **two** years after its entry into force.

Justification

The review of the success of the initiative should take place within a period long enough to allow for full completion of its implementation process and at the same time short enough to ensure that it is not too long after the need to evaluate its effectiveness in achieving the objectives of the initiative.

Amendment 10

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. "**Organiser**" means a **natural or legal person or organisation** responsible for the preparation and submission of a citizens' initiative to the Commission.

3. "**Organising committee**" means a **group of at least seven citizens of the Union, each from a different Member State, which is** responsible for the preparation and submission of a citizens' initiative to the Commission.

(This amendment applies throughout the text. Adopting it will necessitate corresponding changes throughout.)

Amendment 11

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. **Where the organiser is a natural person, that person** shall be **a citizen** of the Union **and be of the age** to be entitled to vote in the European elections.

1. **The organising committee** shall be **comprised of members who are citizens of** the Union, **who are old enough** to be entitled to vote in the European elections, **and who are not currently serving as Members of the European Parliament.**

Justification

Excluding legal persons from the organising committee will protect the citizens' initiative from the possible abuse of existing business organisations, political parties and other organisations which are much stronger than a group of citizens and have more possibilities to act on the EU level. The citizens' initiatives should not develop into election campaigns nor should they be used as a tool for such campaigns. Politicians and especially MEPs have other tools to influence legislative decisions. It is worth to underline that Members of the European Parliament will have a chance to examine each initiative after the communication from the European Commission.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Where the organiser is a legal person or an organisation it shall be established in a Member State. Organisations which do not have legal personality under the applicable national law shall have representatives that have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf and assume liability.

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. In order to be eligible to support a proposed citizens' initiative, signatories shall be citizens of the Union and shall be ***of the age to be entitled to vote in the European elections.***

2. In order to be eligible to support a proposed citizens' initiative, signatories shall be citizens of the Union and shall be ***at least 16 years old.***

Justification

Linking the minimum age to national voting age requirements is likely to create inequality, as in Austria, the minimum voting age is 16 years whereas in other Member States it is 18 years. Lowering and thereby harmonising the minimum voting age for signatories is advisable, in order to treat all citizens equally and to engage young people in EU policy making and civil dialogue.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. *Prior to* initiating the collection of statements of support from signatories for a proposed citizens' initiative, the organiser shall be required to register *it* with the Commission, providing the information set out in Annex II, in particular on the subject-matter and objectives as well as on the sources of funding and support for the proposed citizens' initiative.

Amendment

1. ***Before receiving a decision on admissibility from the Commission and*** initiating the collection of statements of support from signatories for a proposed citizens' initiative, the organiser shall be required to register *that initiative* with the Commission, providing the information set out in Annex II, in particular on the subject matter and objectives as well as on the sources of funding and support for the proposed citizens' initiative.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall reject the registration of proposed citizens' initiatives which are manifestly against the values of the Union.

Amendment

4. The Commission shall reject the registration of proposed citizens' initiatives which are manifestly against the values of the Union. ***The Commission must duly explain and publish its reasons for rejecting an initiative.***

Justification

Transparency will undoubtedly prove educational and prevent the multiplication of inadmissible or ludicrous initiatives.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. A proposed citizens' initiative that has been registered shall be made public in the

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register. ***Once the registration has been completed, the Commission shall examine the admissibility of the proposed citizens' initiative, in accordance with Article 8.***

Justification

There is no need to wait with the admissibility check until the organising committee has collected a certain number of signatures and submitted to the Commission a request for decision on the admissibility. In order to prevent any unnecessary administrative burden, the Commission should check the admissibility of the proposed initiative right after the registration and without any delay.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. All registered initiatives shall be given a reference number.

The Commission database for storing the registered initiatives should provide a weekly indicator showing the stage reached by any given initiative.

Justification

This will keep citizens up to date on the status of various citizens' initiatives.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The organiser shall be responsible for *the collection of* the necessary statements of support from signatories for a proposed citizens' initiative which has been registered in accordance with Article 4.

1. The organiser shall be responsible for *collecting from signatories* the necessary statements of support for a proposed citizens' initiative which has been registered in accordance with Article 4 ***and in respect of which a positive decision on admissibility has been taken.***

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Only statements of support forms which ***comply with the model set out*** in annex III may be used for this purpose. The organiser shall complete the forms as indicated in *annex III prior to* initiating the collection of statements of support from signatories. The information given in the forms shall correspond to the information contained in the register.

Amendment

Only statement of support forms which ***contain the information required in the example provided*** in Annex III may be used for this purpose. The organiser shall complete the forms as indicated in *Annex III before* initiating the collection of statements of support from signatories. The information given in the forms shall correspond to the information contained in the register.

Justification

The intention is not to restrict the organisers with a certain form but give them the possibility to use their own forms, nevertheless providing the information required in the model presented by the Commission.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. *All statements* of support shall be collected after the date of ***registration*** of the proposed initiative and within a period that shall not exceed 12 months.

Amendment

4. *Statements* of support shall be collected ***only*** after the date of ***the positive decision on admissibility in respect of*** the proposed initiative and within a period that shall not exceed 12 months.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6 – paragraph 4 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

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statements of support in a form **complying with the model set out** in Annex III, in order to allow for the control by the Member States, in accordance with Article 9(2).

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. In order to keep the citizens' initiative scheme user-friendly and not to provoke undue concerns about data protection, no signatory shall be asked to provide a personal identity card number.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. Within **12 months** following the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall adopt technical specifications for the implementation of paragraph 4, in accordance with the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 19(2).

5. Within **six months** following the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall adopt technical specifications for the implementation of paragraph 4, in accordance with the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 19(2). **The Commission shall make available secure tools enabling online signatures to be collected in a way which does not jeopardise privacy.**

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The signatories of a citizens' initiative shall come from at least one **third** of

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Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In one **third** of Member States, signatories shall comprise at least the minimum number of citizens set out in Annex I.

Amendment

2. In one **quarter** of Member States, signatories shall comprise at least the minimum number of citizens set out in Annex I.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Signatories shall be considered as coming from the Member State **which issued the identification document** indicated in their statement of support.

Amendment

3. Signatories shall be considered *to come* from the Member State **in which they have their address**, as indicated in their statement of support.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. After **having collected 300.000 statements of support in accordance with Article 5 from signatories coming from at least three Member States, the organiser shall submit to the Commission a request for a decision on the admissibility of the proposed citizens' initiative. For this purpose the organiser shall use the form set out in Annex V.**

Amendment

1. After **the citizens' initiative has been registered**, the Commission **shall examine its** admissibility **without delay**.

Justification

There is no need to wait with the admissibility check until the organising committee has

collected a certain number of signatures and submitted to the Commission a request for decision on the admissibility. In order to prevent any unnecessary administrative burden, the Commission should check the admissibility of the proposed initiative right after the registration and without any delay.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation Article 8 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The decision referred to in paragraph 2 shall be notified to the organiser of the proposed citizens' initiative and shall be made public.

Amendment

3. The decision referred to in paragraph 2 shall be notified to the organiser of the proposed citizens' initiative and shall be made public. ***It shall indicate which legal act or measure the Commission considers is appropriate to achieve the objectives of the citizens' initiative in the event that that initiative is successful.***

Justification

It is important for an organising committee to know early enough which kind of a legal act or measure would be appropriate in order to achieve the objectives of the citizens' initiative in case it would be successful. Therefore, the Commission should provide the organiser with a first, realistic indication on appropriate measures already in the context of the admissibility check.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation Article 9 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. After having collected the necessary statements of support from signatories in accordance with Articles 5 and 7, ***and provided that the Commission has decided that a proposed citizens' initiative is admissible in accordance with Article 8,*** the organiser shall submit the statements of support, in paper or in electronic form, to the relevant competent authorities provided for in Article 14 for verification and certification. For this purpose the organiser

Amendment

1. After having collected the necessary statements of support from signatories in accordance with Articles 5 and 7, the organiser shall submit the statements of support, in paper or in electronic form, to the relevant competent authorities provided for in Article 14 for verification and certification. For this purpose the organiser shall use the form set out in Annex VI.

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Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

The **organiser** shall destroy all statements of support received for a given citizens' initiative and any copies thereof at the latest one month after **submitting that initiative to the Commission** in accordance with **Article 10 or 18 months after the date of registration of a proposed citizens' initiative, whichever is the earlier.**

Amendment

The **organising committee** shall destroy all statements of support received for a given citizens' initiative and any copies thereof at the latest one month after **publication of the European Commission's communication** in accordance with **Article 11(2).**

Justification

Destroying of all statement of support forms should take place after the publication of the European Commission's communication. The organising committee should have a chance to inform all signatories about the European Commission's communication on a given citizens' initiative. It is extremely important, for the whole process, that citizens are informed about the follow-up of the proposal they support.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the purpose of the implementation of Article 6(5), the Commission shall be assisted by **a** committee.

Amendment

1. For the purpose of the implementation of Article 6(5), the Commission shall be assisted by **an independent** committee **possessing appropriate technical knowledge.**

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation Article 21

Text proposed by the Commission

Five years after the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of this Regulation.

Amendment

Two years after the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of this Regulation.

Justification

The review should be done earlier. Two years seems enough in order to assess the first initiatives.

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation Annex II – point 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The full name, postal address and e-mail address of **the organiser or, in the case of a legal entity or organisation, its legal representative**;

Amendment

5. The full name, postal address and e-mail address of **each member of the organising committee**;

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – box 2 – point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. Funding sources*:

Justification

For the sake of transparency, the funding sources of each citizens' initiative should be indicated in the statement of support form. It should be clear to all signatories who is financing the respective initiative.

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – box 3 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. Date **and place** of birth*:

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Date of birth: Place and country:

Justification

Information on place of birth is not needed. Rapporteur proposes to delete it in order to simplify the form.

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – box 3 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6. **Personal identification number** *:

deleted

Type of identification number/identity document*:

National identity card: Passport: Social security:

Member State, which issued the identification number/identity document*:

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation Annex V

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Annex deleted

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Annex VIII – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Full name, postal address and e-mail address of *the organiser or, in the case of a legal entity or organisation, its legal representative*.

Amendment

6. Full name, postal address and e-mail address of *each member of the organising committee*.

PROCEDURE

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